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NEW YEAR FINDS ARMIES OF THE BELLIGERENTS LOCKED IN LONG, DESPERATE BATTLE

Fighting as Sternly as When the War Began Five Months Ago, Forces on the Great Battle Fronts Seem Determined to Fight to a Finish—Seemingly No Prospect for Victory for Either Side Soon, from Outlook.

ARMIES OF RUSSIAN AND GERMAN EMPERORS STILL FACING EACH OTHER IN NORTH POLAND

Lull in Fighting in Flanders and France, With Occasional Artillery Duel, Infantry Attack or Counter Attack—Last of German Islands in Pacific Has Been Annexed by Australian Forces, is Report Received.

London, Dec. 31. — The New Year finds belligerent Europe after five months of war fighting as sternly as at the beginning, but seemingly without prospects of immediate big victories.

The Austrians again have been driven out of the greater part of Galicia, and, according to a Vienna statement, the Russians have crossed the Carpathians for the third time, but in Poland, where a more important battle is in progress, the armies of the Russian and German emperors are still fighting for the banks of the rivers which intersect the country between the upper Vistula and Pilica rivers.

In Flanders and France there has been a lull in the fighting on the most of the front, disturbed occasionally, however, by artillery fire, infantry attacks and counter attacks. The French tonight announced that they have carried half of the village of Steinbach, in Upper Alsace, which, while of little or no importance, itself, stands at the foot of a hill which commands a large part of the surrounding country. It is in this region, as in the vicinity of Noyon and between the Argonne Ridge and the Meuse, that the French have been pushing their offensive with the greatest force, and where they claim to have made the most progress.

Along the Belgian coast fighting is confined to artillery bombardments. Westende and many other little towns which long ago were deserted by the civilian populations, have been made the target for shells of the Allies.

Walfish bay, a British possession on the coast of British Southwest Africa, which the Germans took at the commencement of the war, has been retaken by the Union of South African forces, while the Australians have annexed Bougainville island, another of the Solomon Islands, over which flew the German flag and about the last of the German islands in the Pacific.

In London New Year's eve was celebrated by the usual dinners and dances at hotels and restaurants, but with less gaiety and on a much smaller scale. At the large hotels, however, there was a large attendance of officers on leave or waiting to go to the front, many French and Belgians who were driven from their homes by the war, and a large number of Americans.

The list of New Year's honors offered by King George on the recommendation of the Premier and the Foreign and Colonial offices, was short, and contained no new peerages. At the head of the list are the Earls of Derby and Chesterfield, who received the Order of the Garter for their services in recruiting, and Baron Lovat, who receives the Order of the Thistle for the same reason. The Earl of Aberdeen, whose retirement from the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland is expected, is raised to the rank of a Marquisate.

NEW ORDER ESTABLISHED.

George of England Institutes Order of "The Military Cross."

London, Dec. 31.—King George has instituted a new decoration, "the military cross." The decoration is of silver and bears the imperial crown on each arm and in the center the letters "G. R. I." (George Rex-Imperator).

Commissioned or warrant officers in the army who distinguish themselves in time of war are eligible to "The Military Cross." It takes precedence over all decorations and medals except the Victoria Cross. The Gazette announces that Captain Garnt and Commander Barr, both of the auxiliary cruiser Carmania, have been appointed companions of the Bath for services in sinking the German steamer Cap Trafalgar off the South American coast in September and that Capt. John Glossip, of the Australian cruiser Sidney has been rewarded in a similar manner for the sinking by his ship of the German cruiser Emden.

GERMANY STILL UNITED.

New Year's Resolution to Stand and Fight Sent Out by Wireless.

London, Jan. 1.—The following official communication from Berlin has been received here by wireless:

"Since the war began and up till the end of the year we still stand firm on the old German Watch, waiting what the future has in store for us.

"We are still united. No enemy can force us in spite of rage and hypocrisy.

"In the East as well as the West may victory ever attend you. Germany over all!

"The whole world learns what we can do when we are attacked and that German pluck rings throughout the world.

"Main headquarters reports tonight (Thursday) that our troops fighting in Poland have made over 36,000 prisoners in the region of Lodz and Lowicz and besides have taken many guns.

"The total number of prisoners taken since the 11th of November amounts to 136,000. Over 100 guns and 300 machine guns also have been captured."

GREECE IS PREPARED.

Premier Tells Chamber of Deputies Condition of Defences.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Havas' Athens correspondent sends the following excerpt from a speech delivered by the Greek premier, M. Venizelos, during a discussion of the budget in the Greek Chamber of deputies:

"All the necessary measures to assure the national defense have been taken since the outbreak of the war. I can assure the chamber and the country that at the present moment Greece is ready to mobilize at any hour and on every point of her territory all the contingents of her army."

AMERICANS HONORED.

Officer of "Christmas Ship" and Consul General Are Decorated.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Foreign office dispatches from Vienna to the Austrian embassy today announced that Lieut. Com. Charles Courtney, commanding the American naval collier Jason, the "Santa Claus ship," and United States Consul General Jones at Genoa, had been decorated with the Red Cross badge of honor, first class.

The dispatches denied reports that large numbers of Austrians had fallen into the hands of the Russians.

"Especially the number of officers," the foreign office said, "is immeasurably exaggerated."

TURKS TOWARD SUEZ.

Large Force Reported to be Headed That Way—Treatment of Allies.

Paris, Dec. 31.—A Havas dispatch from Athens says:

"The Turks have sent important forces commanded by German officers toward the Suez according to members

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TEXT OF THE NOTE SENT ENGLAND BY AMERICA PROTESTING AGAINST SHIPPING CONDITIONS PUBLISHED

Diplomatic Representation Made to Great Britain Concerning Treatment of American Vessels and Cargoes on High Seas By British Cruisers Published in Washington and London by Mutual Consent of Two Governments.

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Washington, Dec. 31.—By agreement between the State Department and the British foreign office, the text of the note sent by the United States to Great Britain, insisting on an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet, was made public here today. It follows:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 26, 1914.

"The Secretary of State to the American Ambassador at London. Department of State.

"The present condition of American foreign trade resulting from the frequent seizures and detention of American cargoes destined to neutral European ports has become so serious as to require a candid statement of the views of this government in order that the British government may be fully informed as to the attitude of the United States towards the policy which has been pursued by the British authorities during the present war.

"You will, therefore, communicate the following to his majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, but in doing so you will assure him that it is done in the most friendly spirit and in the belief that frankness will better serve the continuance of cordial relations between the two countries than silence, which may be misconstrued into acquiescence in a course of conduct which this government can not but consider to be an infringement upon the rights of American citizens.

Viewed With Growing Concern.

"The government of the United States has viewed with growing concern the large number of vessels laden with American goods destined to neutral ports in Europe which have been seized on the high seas, taken into British ports and detained sometimes for weeks by the British authorities. During the early days of the war this government assumed that the policy adopted by the British government was due to the unexpected outbreak of hostilities and the necessity of immediate action to prevent contraband from reaching the enemy.

"For this reason it was not disposed to judge this policy harshly or protest it vigorously, although it was manifestly very injurious to American trade with the neutral countries of Europe. This government, relying confidently upon the high regard which Great Britain has so often exhibited in the past for the rights of other nations, confidently awaited amendment of a course of action which denied to neutral commerce the freedom to which it was entitled by the law of nations.

"This expectation seemed to be rendered the more assured by the statement of the foreign office early in November that the British government was satisfied with guarantees offered by the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish governments as to non-exportation of contraband goods when consigned to named persons in the territories of those governments and that orders had been given to the British fleet and customs authorities to restrict interference with neutral vessels carrying such cargoes so consigned to verification of ship's papers and cargoes.

Matter of Deep Regret.

"It is therefore, a matter of deep regret that, though nearly five months have passed since the war began, the British government have not materially changed their policy and do not treat less rigorously ships and cargoes passing between neutral ports in the peaceful pursuit of lawful commerce which belligerents should protect rather than interrupt. The greater freedom from detention and seizure which was confidently expected to result from consigning shipments to definite consignees, rather than 'to order' is still awaited.

"It is needless to point out to his majesty's government, usually the champion of the freedom of the seas and the rights of trade, that peace, not war, is the normal relation between nations and that the commerce between countries which are not belligerents should not be interfered with by those at war unless such interference is manifestly an imperative necessity to protect their national safety and then only to the extent that it is a necessity.

"It is swith no lack of appreciation of the momentous nature of the struggle in which Great Britain is engaged and with no selfish desire to gain undue commercial advantage that this government is reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the present policy of his majesty's government toward neutral ships and cargoes exceeds the manifest necessity of a belligerent and constitutes restrictions upon the rights of American citizens on the high seas which are not justified by the rules of international law or required under the principal of self-preservation.

"The government of the United States does not intend at this time to discuss the propriety of the including certain articles in the lists of absolute and conditional contraband which have been proclaimed by his majesty. Open to objection as some of these seem to this government, the chief ground of present complaint is the treatment of cargoes of both classes when bound to neutral ports.

Don't Apply Their Own Rules.

"Articles listed as absolute contraband shipped from the United States and consigned to neutral countries, have been seized and detained on the ground that the countries to which they were destined have not prohibited the exportation of such articles. Unwarranted as such detentions are, in the opinion of this government, American exporters are further perplexed by the appaent indecision of the British authorities in applying their own rules to neutral cargoes.

"For example, a shipment of copper from this country to a specified consignee in Sweden was detained because, as was stated by Great Britain, Sweden had placed no embargo on copper. On the other hand, Italy not only prohibited the export of copper, but, as this government is informed, put in force a decree that shipments to Italian consignees or 'to order,' which arrive in ports of Italy can not be exported or trans-shipped. The only exception Italy makes is of copper which passes through that country in transit to another country.

"In spite of those decrees, however, the British foreign office has thus far declined to affirm that copper shipments consigned to Italy will not be molested on the high seas. Seizures are so numerous and delays so prolonged that exporters are afraid to send their copper to Italy, steamship lines decline to accept it, and insurers refuse to issue policies upon it. In a word, a legitimate trade is being greatly impaired through uncertainty as to the treatment which it may expect at the hands of the British authorities.

What May We Expect.

"We feel that we are abundantly justified in asking for information as to the manner in which the British government propose to carry out the policy which they have adopted, in order that we may determine the steps necessary to protect our citizens engaged in foreign trade in their rights and from the serious losses to which they are liable through ignorance of the hazards to which their cargoes are exposed.

"In the case of conditional contraband the policy of Great Britain appears to this government to be equally unjustified by the established rules of international conduct. As evidence of this, attention is directed to the fact that a number of the American cargoes which have been seized consist of foodstuffs and other articles of common use in all countries which are admittedly relative contraband. In spite of the presumption of innocent use because destined to neutral territory, the British authorities made these seizures and detentions without, so far as we are informed, being in possession of facts which warranted a reasonable belief that the shipments had in reality as belligerent destination, as that term is used in international law.

"Mere suspicion is not evidence and doubts should be resolved in favor of neutral commerce, not against. The effect upon trade in these articles between neutral nations resulting from interrupted voyages and detained cargoes is not entirely cured by reimbursement of the owners for the damages which they have suffered, after investigation has failed to establish an enemy destination. The injury is to American commerce with neutral countries as a whole through the hazard of the enterprise and the repeated diversion of goods from established markets.

"It also appears that cargoes of this character have been seized by the British authorities because of a belief that, though not originally so intended by the shippers, they will ultimately reach the territory of the enemies of Great Britain. Yet this belief is frequently reduced to a mere fear in view of the embargoes which have been decreed by the neutral countries, to which they are destined on the articles composing the cargoes.

"That a consignment 'to order' of articles listed as conditional contraband and shipped to a neutral port raises a legal presumption of enemy destination appears to be directly contrary to the doctrine previously held by Great Britain and thus stated by Lord Salisbury during the South African war:

Lord Salisbury Quoted.

"'Foodstuffs, though having a hostile destination, can be considered as contraband of war only if they are for the enemy forces; it is not sufficient that they are capable of being so used; it must be shown that this was in fact their desthnation at the time of their seizure.'

"With this statement as to conditional contraband the views of this government are in entire accord, and upon this historic doctrine, consistently maintained by Great Britain when a belligerent as well as a neutral, American shippers were entitled to rely.

"The government of the United States readily admits the full right of a belligerent to visit and search on the high seas the vessels of American citizens or other neutral vessels carrying American goods and to detain them **when there is sufficient evidence to justify a belief that contraband articles are in their cargoes;** when his majesty's government, judging by their own experience in the past, must realize that this government can not without protest permit American ships or American cargoes to be taken into British ports and there detained for the purpose of searching generally for evidence of contraband or upon presumptions created by special municipal enactments which are clearly at variance with international law and practice.

"This government believes and earnestly hopes his majesty's government will come to the same belief that a course of conduct more in conformity with the rules of international usage, which Great Britain has strongly sanctioned for many years, will, in the end, better serve the interests of belligerents as well as those of neutrals.

"Not only is the situation a critical one to the commercial interests of the United States, but many of the great industries of this country are suffering because their products are denied long established markets in European countries, which, though, neutral, are contiguous to the nations at war. Producers and exporters, steamship and insurance companies are pressing, and not without reason, for relief from the menace to tans-Atlantic trade which is gradually but surely destroying their business and theratening them with financial disaster.

"The government of the United States, still relying upon the deep

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ROOSEVELT SENDS A CABLE TO EARL CREY

Relative Centenary of Peace to be Celebrated

Is an Augury for the Future of the Peoples of the World is Expressed in Message to Britisher from "Teddy."

New York, Dec. 31.—The belief that the Century of Peace between the United States and Great Britain is an augury for the future of the peoples of the world is expressed in a cablegram sent today by Theodore Roosevelt, honorary chairman of the American Peace Centenary Committee to Earl Grey, president of the British committee. Col. Roosevelt's message, answering a recent communication expressive of good will from the British committee reads:

"Earl Grey, London:

"On behalf of American Peace Centenary Committee, I beg to acknowledge your cable on behalf of British Peace Centenary Committee. We most cordially reciprocate the feeling therein expressed. We believe the hundred years of peace between the two nations are an augury for the future not only as far as they are concerned but for the future as far as the peoples of the world are concerned. It is indeed a happy circumstance that the two nations are able to celebrate in this fashion the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 31.—Henry E. McWane, president of the Lynchburg Foundry company, killed himself here today, probably because of ill health. He was 54 years old.

AMERICA'S PART IN THE COST OF EUROPEAN WAR

Decrease in Exports Over Three Hundred Million.

Department of Commerce Makes Public Figures of Exports Up to the First of December—Three Countries Increase.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The European war had cost the United States $382,831,172 in decreased exports up to December 1, according to a statement issued today by the Department of Commerce. Exports to all countries for the eleven month period ending with November aggregated $1,847,991,492 against $2,250,822,664 for the like period in 1913.

Despite that showing, however, the November trade balance in favor of the United States $79,411,271 and for the eleven months period $193,372,036.

November showed its greatest gain in crude and manufactured foodstuffs sent to Europe, th 1914 total being $73,049,036 against $38,787,688 in 1913.

The most striking effect of the war shown by the statement is the decrease of Germany's $48,072,784 consumption in November, 1913, to $42,136 in November this year.

Exports to all countries except Australia, France, India, The United Kingdom and Italy fell off during November from 1913 figures and for the eleven months' period only Australia, Italy and Russia increased their American purchases. While the United Kingdom was the largest customer, taking $69,589,297 in American goods during November and $515645,990 during the eleven month period, the latter figure shows a decrease of approximately $11,000,000 from the 1913 total. Itsly showed the greatest increase in November, taking $17,031,754 last month against $7,171,113 in November, 1913.

GREAT YEAR AHEAD SAYS MR. REDFIELD

Secretary of Commerce Sends New Year Greetings

NO GROUND FOR GLOOM

Bids Merchants, Manufacturers and Planters to Do More Work Than Planned and Cheer Up—Cheerfulness the Key Note.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Heartened by months of close study of the nation's business outlook, Secretary Redfield, of the Commerce Department, today wrote a new year's' greeting to merchants and manufacturers bidding them reach out for the prosperity he sees within their grasp. There is no warrant, Mr. Redfield declares, for gloom or despair. His message follows:

"If you want prosperity, do your own share to bring it and do it now. Get that addition on your shop going; it will cost you less today than six months hence. Is trade a bit dull in the works? Get those improvements begun. Prices are low and likely to rise.

"You've been thinking of that contract work, better start it yourself before things get the start of you.

Distress Not Known.

"This country slows down a bit now and then, but it never stops growing and it always moves up and not down. We don't know what it means in most of the United States to have real general distress. Think of Belgium and Poland, O, man with a grouch, and slink into your hole and pull it in after you. There think of your sins and your blessings, and come out with your courage in working order,

"There are lots of good American examples of pluck. Do you remember San Francisco and Galveston and Chicago, Charleston, Baltimore and Dayton and many others like them? Remember Thomas A. Edison and lots of others of your fellow citizens who showed pluck when things were hard.

"Nothing's the matter with the man with a grouch, except an absentee heart and missing nerve. Cheer up, go to work, do your level best, quit talking misery. The war's over yonder—not here. Men are slaughtered yonder—they are living here. It's all clouds there—clear day here.

"Get out and sell some goods. Plant some more acres, do more work than you planned. Talk cheerful and you'll find this country of yours a pretty good place after all."

APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY FOR LIFE TERM PRISONER

Governor of Georgia Takes Application Under Advisement.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Hearing on an application for a pardon for Thomas Edgar Stripling, serving a life sentence at the State prison farm for murder was held here today by Governor Slaton. The application was presented by several relatives of Stripling and an attorney.

In 1897 Stripling killed W. J. Corbett, in Harris county, Georgia, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. He escaped before he began serving the sentence. Fourten years later Stripling was found at Danville, Va., where under the assumed name of R. E. Morris, he was chief of police. He was brought back to Georgia and sent to prison.

The present application is urged on the ground of the prisoner's poor health. Governor Slaton took it under advisement.

Relatives and friends a few years ago applied to Joseph M. Brown, then governor of Georgia, for clemency in the prisoners' behalf, but the governor refused to act. Recently various petitions were presented to Governor Slaton.

Aside from physicians' certificates which indicated the prisoner was in ill health testimony was introduced tending to show mitigating circumstances connected wth the crime, it being alleged that Cornett was shot because he had insulted Stripling's sister.

Stripling's wife was a witness today.

TWO CABINET MEMBERS IN NORTH CAROLINA TODAY

Secretary Daniels at Goldsboro and Bryan at Asheville.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Two members of President Wilson's cabinet will spend New Year's in North Carolina, these being Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Secretary of State W. J. Bryan.

Secretary Daniels left tonight for Goldsboro, to spend New Year's with his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Daniels.

Secretary Bryan left Washington tonight to spend New Year's at Asheville. He expects to return Monday. Mrs. Bryan is at the home of William Jennings Bryan, Jr., in Tucson, Ariz.

ABLE EDITOR QUITS JOB

George W. Ochs, of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, Resigns.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—George W. Ochs resigned today as editor of the Public Ledger." He retains a considerable holding in the underlying securities of that newspaper. It was said he might join the New York Times company of which his brother, Adolph S. Ochs, is president. In a formal announcement Cyrus H. K. Curtis, president of the Public Ledger company, stated the resignation was due to an "entirely amicable but irreconcilable difference of views" between himself and Mr. Ochs as to the policies of the paper. Mr. Ochs has been identified with the Public Ledger for 12 years.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 31.—The trustees of the proposed Virginia Episcopal School for boys, today purchased a site for a boys' preparatory school here. The board hopes to begin building in several months.

IMMIGRATION BILL WINS ON TEST VOTE

Efforts to Strike Out Literacy Test Failed.

AFRICANS PROHIBITED

Amendment Denying Negroes Right of Admission to United States is Adopted—Expect Vote on Measure Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Efforts to strike the literacy test from the pending immigration bill failed in the Senate today. Senator Martine's motion to eliminate the provision was defeated 47 to 12. This was considered a test vote on the bill itself, which Senate leaders expect to pass Saturday.

Amendments were voted on in quick succession. Two were adopted, one to exclude all immigrants of African blood, or the black race, and another to strengthen the prohibition against believers in polygamy.

All amendments to the literacy test were voted down, including those which would have added to its exemption persons fleeing from religious persecution and those who might seek asylum from political or racial persecution. On the motion to eliminate the literacy test senators who vote for it were Brandegee, Clark, of Wyoming; LaFollette, Lippitt, McCumber, Lewis, McLean, Martine, O'Gorman, Ransdell, Reed and Walsh.

Africans Excluded.

Senator Reed offered the African exclusion amendment which was adopted 29 to 25. Senator Williams, of Mississippi, debated this proposal at length, declaring there were enough negroes in this country now. Statistics were given to show that only 8,000 people of African blood came to this country last year.

Another amendment by Senator Reed to exclude all but persons of the Caucasian race was defeated, but not without considerable discussion relating to the Japanese. Many senators declared it would affect treaty relations.

"Of course the amendment will include the Japanese in its effect," said Senator Reed, "but if there is any difficulty about the treaty, I will co-operate in a further amendment to postpone the operation of this clause until treaties may be changed. This bill as now drawn violates the spirit if not the letter of our treaties. We prefer to do by indirection what we have not the courage to do by direction. We propose to pass an exclusion bill but to do it by means of an educational test."

The vote against the amendment was 47 to 9. Spirited debate arose when Senator Reed moved to substitute in the exclusive section for the words "those who admit their belief in the practice of polygamy" the words "those who believe in, advocate or practice polygamy."

Concerning Polygamy.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, declared the Mormon church abolished the practice of polygamy since 1890, and that President Smith, of the Mormon church, had public re-affirmed this at a meeting of the church in 1904.

"This amendment is objected to," said Senator Smoot, "because if Mormons coming to this country should be asked if they believed in the Bible, they might technically be excluded because the Old Testament teaches polygamy. If the President of the Morman church wanted to re-establish polygamy in this country today he could not do it."

Senator Works and Senator Borah challenged Senator Smoot's assertion that the Bible taught polygamy.

When the roll was called every senator voted "aye" on the amendment, Senators Smoot and Southerland remaining silent. Senators Hughes, of New Jersey, however, rose at the end of the roll call to vote "no" stating that he did so because he did not believe religious belief of any kind should be made a test for admission to this country. Senators Smoot and Sutherland thereupon voted "no" also. The vote on the amendment was 47 to three.

FEDERAL INDICTMENTS RETURNED AGAINST TWO.

Wealthy Man Charged With Violation of Mann White Slave Act.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A Federal indictment charging Charles Alexander, a wealthy resident of Providence, R. I., with violation of the Mann White Slave Act, was returned here today together with an indictment charging attempted bribery against Miss Jessie Elizabeth Cope, of Los Angeles, the woman he is alleged to have transported. Alexander is charged with having transported Miss Cope from Los Angeles to Chicago, on January 22, 1913. The document also mentions a trip from Chicago to New Orleans.

It is specifically charged in the case of the woman that she offered Hinton G. Clabaugh, Chicago superintendent of the Department of Justice, $25,000, if he would aid her in extorting $50,000 from Alexander.

Arrests in both cases were made three weeks ago. Miss Cope is in custody here and Alexander, who is at liberty under bond, has signified his willingness to come here for trial.

STRUCK BY S. A. L. TRAIN.

Raleigh Man May Have Been Fatally Injured on Yard.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—J. W. Collier, of Glenwood, was seriously injured in the Seaboard Air Line yards north of the city today by being struck by a moving train. He was found lying beside the truck with his head badly bruised and he may have sustained serious internal injuries.

He is in a stupor, and his injuries may prove fatal.

HOLD TO ISLANDS FOR A NAVAL BASE

Philippines Valuable to United States, Says Worcester.

RECENT UPRISING BAD

Former Secretary of Interior for Philippines Before the Senate Committee in Charge of Administration Bill.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Retention of the Philippines for purposes of naval strategy in event of war with a foreign nation, such as Japan, was advocated today by Dean C. Worcester, testifying before the Senate Philippine committee on the bill to extend Philippine self-government Mr. Worcester formerly was Secretary of the Interior in the Philippines and otherwise identified for several years with Philippine affairs. Mr. Worcester also delivered the committee his private dispatches that the recent disturbance in the islands, though insignificant in accomplishments, was dangerous on account of agitation of the lower classes. He said that peonage was the greatest practical evil on the islands and that slavery still existed. He urged measures to save the non-Christian tribes from threatened extermination by the Filipinos if local self-government was granted and advised that the pending bill be amended to provide for appointment of a lieutenant governor for the non-Christian tribes with power to annul legislation affecting them.

Withdrawal Would be Selfish.

Mr. Worcester declared that American withdrawal from the islands, without regard to the interest of the Philippines would be unreasonably selfish. As to the possibilities of a theoretical war with a nation such as Japan he added, it was idle to deny that Japan could land an armed force in the islands and that it would be impossible to prevent very long the fall of Manila. Gaining control of the Bay of Manila, he said, would be a far different matter, and so strongly fortified at Corregidor that this naval base should be able to hold out a year.

"We need a naval station in the Far East," continued the witness, "not only to protect our shores, but to carry a war into land of the enemy and require it to keep its fleet in its own waters. We would need a navy in the Far East to smash the lines of communication of the enemy. Until we are swept off the ocean we must have a station in the East."

Mr. Worcester expressed the belief that a majority of the Filipinos were opposed to withdrawal of American protection.

EUGENICS IS DISCUSSED BY MEN OF SCIENCE.

Principle Topic Before Association for Advancement of Science.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Eugenics was the principal topic discussed today by the members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in annual convention here.

"It is a question whether the human race as a whole has greatly improved since the old stone age, 125,000 years ago," declared Dr. Henry F, Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History. "The brain capacity of the man of that period compares very well with that of modern man. The elevation of the moral sense through knowledge is the greatest contribution made by the science of biology. Genetics and eugenics must make their appeal to the human conscience. The parents of today know more than those of 100 years ago and therefore know about right and wrong. We must make our appeal to this higher moral sense to prevent the bringing of defectives into the world."

Dr. G. H. Parker, of Harvard, advocated stoyalization of all detectives. Dr. Charles P. Davenport, of New York, said the progress of the science of eugenics has been retarded by the fear of making family skeletons public. "No family should be afraid to keep records of the physical and mental traits of each of its members, for in that way alone can the race be bettered," he declared.

HE THINKS WAR HAS ADVANCED SOUTH 100 YEARS.

Should Turn to Hogs and Cattle, Says Mebane—Washington News.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—E. Frank Mebane, of Spray, was here today. He is preparing to have a big cattle fair on his fine farm. He said today that the European war, with its kick at cotton, has advanced the South 100 years. He thinks that the South should produce all the hogs and beef cattle needed in this country.

Senators Overman and Simmons voted against the amendment to strike out the literacy test from the immigration bill today. They voted to bar polygamists and persons of the African or black race.

Representative Webb said today that when the Matthews office is raised to the third class he will recommend the promotion of Postmaster T. J. Orr to fill the place, which will then pay $1,100. Mr. Orr is postmaster in the fourth class office now. The office will be advanced to third class January 1st.

January 16th, Saturday, at 1 o'clock, an examination will be held at Lincolnton to fill Representative Webb's vacancy at West Point. The place is held by Elon Abernethy, of Hickory, who graduates in June. P. R. A.

PROHIBITION AMONG STUDENTS

V. B. Hinshaw, Chairman of Prohibition Party, Addresses Association.

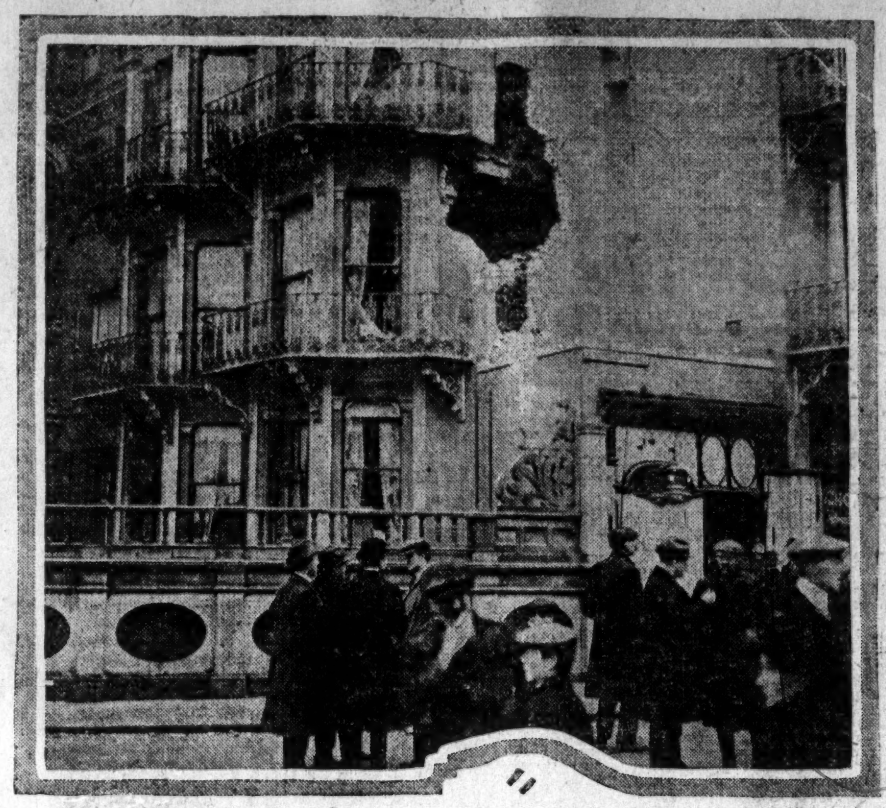
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 31.—It is the duty of the intercollegiate prohibition association to force the prohibition issue, Virgil B. Hinshaw, national chairman of prohibition party, tonight told that organization, in convention here. Others may dream and prophesy but it is our duty to fix the attention of the American electorate on this question as the one and central proposition for the campoign of 1916," he said.

"We need 5,000,000 voters to sign a pledge which reads:

"No political party shall my vote which does not declare in state and national platforms for the complete overthrow of the liquor traffic."

A resolution adopted today calls on the colleges and universities of the country to furnish 10,000 students who will take a vow never to rest until the anti-liquor fight is ended".

Damage Done Best Hotel in Scarborough, in Raid of German Warships.



Photographs showing the damage done to the buildings in Scarborough and the east coast of England by the raid of the German warships on December 16th, have just reached the United States. This one shows the result of the bombardment of the Hotel Royal, the summer house at Scarborough. This was the finest hotel in Scarborough, which is one of the best known watering places in England. The German battleships stood off in the open sea some miles out and threw shell after shell into the buildings of the town. Several of them struck the hotel and the hole here shown was through the rooms of a guest.

WOMAN POISONS BABES AND SELF IN NEW YORK

Mystery Seems to Be Connected With Matter

Detectives Fail to Get Anything Out of Woman Who Lies at Death's Door at Hospital—One Dead, Other Dying.

New York, Dec. 31.—District Attorney Marting of the Bronx, began today an investigation of unusual circumstances under which Mrs. Ida S. Rogers took poison and gave it to her two babies last Tuesday. One of the children, eight months old, Loretta, died yesterday. Mrs. Rogers and John, two years old, the other child, are at death's door in a hospital.

Detectives have endeavored in vain to obtain from the woman information as to her relatives or maiden name. Her physician, Dr. W. Grant Hague, has been quoted as saying she was a member of a Southern family and that came from Alabama.

NEW YEAR FINDS ARMIES IN BATTLE

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of the French clergy and nuns who have arrived here from Syria.

"Subjects of the Triple Entente powers in Jerusalem, they say, were subjected only to police surveillance until the report of the bombardment of Alexandria was received, when all were imprisoned. The Turkish authorities desired to seize the records of the French consulate but desisted before the energetic attitude of the Spanish consul who threatened to ask for his passports if they did so. The Turks, however, took the records of the French consulate in Damascus."

GERMAN MOVEMENT REPULSED

French Report Issued Last Night Says Heavy Losses Sustained.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"Last evening an attack from the enemy who, after lively firing, endeavored to debouch from the wood of Forges (on the left bank of the Meuse), was immediately repulsed.

"The positions which our troops have gained on steinbach have been kept and we continue to attack those of the enemy.

"From the other parts of the front we have received no information worth mentioning."

FRENCH COMPANY ANNIHILATED.

In Fighting in Alsace According to Report Issued at Berlin.

Berlin, (by Wireless to London, Dec. 31.—The German official statement given out in Berlin this afternoon relates that in the village of Steinbach, in Alsace, house after house was destroyed by the French artillery but that the community is still in possession of the Germans. An entire French company was annihilated on the northern end of the line. Fresh attacks south of Rheims were repulsed. In the Argonne the Germans occupied several French trenches and captured 250 prisoners and the artillery broke down French attacks in Upper Alsace.

The situation in East Prussia, north of the Vistula, and on the Pilica river, is described as unchanged, while east of the Bzura river the fighting continues.

TROUBLE NOT OVER

British Troops in South Africa Still After Revolutionists.

London, Dec. 31.—A telegram received here today by Reuter's Telegram company from Pretoria, the seat of government of the Union of South Africa, says:

"It is officially announced that the government intends to commandeer men for service in German Southwest Africa and in the Union of South Africa as the situation can not be adequately met by depending on the volunteer recruits.

"As a reason for this action, it is pointed out that Lieut. Col. Meritz, who escaped to German Southwest Africa, with a few hundred rebels, is attempting to return with German reinforcements to stir up the rebellion afresh and prosecute it more effectively.

"In view of the danger of invasion the official communications says:

"It is necessary to employ a much larger force than at first was intended to destroy the enemy rebel forces, so they never again can menace the peace of South Africa."

AFTERNOON ANNOUNCEMENT.

Artillery Exchanges Continue Between Allies and Germans in France.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon relates a continuance of artillery exchanges with the enemy and further advances, measured by yards, of French soldiers at various points on the line of battle. Counter attacks of the enemy were driven back and in Alsace a certain village is held half by German and half by French troops. The fighting here has been from house to house and it continues today.

London, Jan. 1.—J. K. Chesterton, the journalist and author, is seriously ill.

WHY ADVERTISING REDUCES COST OF GOODS TO THE CUSTOMER

The following is taken from the current issue of Farm and Fireside, the national farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio.

"Who pays the cost of advertising?

"Five years ago a certain automobile manufacturer's output was a few thousand cars which he sold for about one thousand dollars each.

"During the present season he is building more than two hundred thousand cars which are vastly better than the former output, and his price for them is less than five hundred dollars each.

"Extensive advertising has brought this vast number of buyers, thus enabling him to equip an enormous factory where cars in such large numbers can be turned out much more cheaply.

"The same condition is found in practically all lines of business. Advertising reduces the cost to the consumer and improves the quality because of the large volume of sales it brings.

"In buying advertised goods you not only get the best value for the money, but a reliable manufacturer's guarantee of "satisfaction or money refunded."

Whitman Offers His Resignation to Self

NOVEL CONDITIONS AT ALBANY. GOVERNOR NOW, YESTERDAY DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—As the first bell sounded the birth of the new year tonight, Charles S. Whitman, newly elected governor of the state, stepped to his desk in the state capital and began to transact business. He previously had taken the oath of office.

First, as Charles S. Whitman, district attorney of New York county, he presented his resignation of that office to himself as Charles S. Whitman, governor. After accepting the resignation he designated Charles A. Perkins, of New York, his successor in the district attorney's office. The governor then re-designated to service in the appellate division five supreme court justices, whose terms are about to expire.

OLD GOTHAM WELCOMES NINETEEN AND FIFTEEN

Tens of Thousands on Street Make Merry.

Thousands and Thousands of Steam Whistles Join in Noise Made by Throngs—Chimes of Churches Drowned Out, as Usual.

New York, Jan. 1.—New York city welcomed the New Year in traditional manner, the celebration proving one of the most demonstrative on record here.

Uptown streets were jammed with laughing, singing crowds. The tens of thousands were so orderly in their merry-making, however, that the police reserves found little to do.

Cafes, restaurants and hotels, many of which were permitted to remain open all night, were filled.

Electrical illuminations worked overtime and many of the great buildings were especially lighted. Municipal Christmas trees had been left in place and their many colored lights drew crowds which were entertained in some cases with moving pictures and band concerts.

Even the water front added its share to the celebration, for hundreds of steam whistles on drafts in both rivers were opened wide at midnight to swell the babel on land.

The notes of the chimes which pealed from church towers almost were drowned by the din from sirens and that made by street crowds with horns, cow bells and other noise-making devices.

In churches throughout the city services were held.

UNOFFICIAL AND OFFICIAL.

Message from Headquarters Described as Unofficial Gives News.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 31.—What is described as an unofficial telegram but which nevertheless was issued today by the German army headquarters, has been received here. It reads:

"Our troops in Poland are pursuing the enemy. After the battles of Lodz and Lowicz ,we took more than 67,000 prisoners and many cannon and machine guns.

"The entire booty since the beginning of our offensive in Poland in November totals 136,600 prisoners, more than 100 cannon and over 300 machine guns."

FOR NEGRO EDUCATION.

Efforts by General Education Board Summarized in Report.

New York, Dec. 31.—Efforts to improve facilities for the education of the negro are summarized in an installment today of forthcoming report of the General Education Board. Assistance is shown to have been given to industrial training schools as follows:

Hampton Institute $138,000; Tuskegee Institute $135,483; Spelman Seminery $196,912; other institutions $85,384; making a total of approximately $555,780.

To provide for higher education of negroes, contributions have been made to colleges and universities including Shaw University $18,000, and Virginia Union University $11,500.

FOUND NO CASES OF ILL TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

Chandler Anderson Reports Conditions in European War Prisons.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Reporting on his personal inspection of German military detention camps, Chandler Anderson, former solicitor of the State Department, has informed the department that he found no cases of maltreatment of war prisoners. In some respects, he said, there was room for improvement, but generally conditions under which prisoners were held, made it possible for the captors to do better.

The inspections did not extend to civilian detention camps.

MANY NEW GOVERNORS TAKE OFFICE TODAY

Thirty in All, Twenty-One Newly Elected.

Eleven of Those to Hold Office for the First Time Are Republicans, Rest Are Democrats—Seven Democrats Displaced.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Thirty state Governors, 21 of them newly elected and nine reelected, will begin tomorrow or some time in January the terms for which they were chosen November 3. Eleven of those to hold office for the first time are Republicans, seven displacing Democrats and four succeeding Republicans. Ten of the newly elected are Democrats and six of them displace Republicans. Of those reelected five are Democrats, three Republicans and one a Progressive.

The governors by states follow:

Alabama: Charles Henderson, Dem.

Arizona: Geo. W. P. Hunt, Dem. (reelected.)

California: Hiram W. Johnson, Progressive, (reelected).

Colorado: G. A. Carlson, Rep., (displaces Democrat.)

Connecticut: M. H. Holcomb, Rep., (displaces Democrat).

Idaho: M. Alexander, Dem., (displaces Republican).

Iowa: George W. Clarke, Rep., (reelected).

Kansas: Arthur Capper, Rep., (displaces Democrat).

Maine: O. C. Curtis Dem., (displaces Republican).

Massachusetts: David I. Walsh, Dem., (reelected).

Michigan: Woodbridge N. Ferris, Dem., (reelected).

Minnesota: W. S. Hammond, Dem., (displaces Republican).

Nebraska: John H. Morehead, Dem., (reelected).

Nevada: E. D. Boyde, Dem., (displaces Republican).

New Hampshire: R. H. Spalding, Rep., (displaces Democrat).

New York: C. S. Whitman, Rep., (displaces Democrat).

North Dakota: L. B. Hanna, Rep., (reelected).

Ohio: Frank B. Willis, Rep., (displaces Democrat).

Oklahoma: R. L. Williams, Dem.,

Oregon: J. Withycombe, Rep., (displaces Democrat).

Pennsylvania: Martin G. Branbaugh, Rep.

Rhode Island: R. L. Beekman, Rep.

South Carolina: R. I. Manning, Dem.

South Dakota: F. M. Byrne, Rep., (reelected).

Tennessee: T. C. Rye, Dem., (displaces Republican).

Texas: J. E. Ferguson, Dem.

Vermont: Charles W. Gates, Rep.

Wisconsin: E. L. Phillip, Rep.

Wyoming: J. B. Kendrick, Dem., (displaces Republican).

In Georgia: N. I. Harris, Dem., (newly elected, begins his term in July, 1914).

—Willie Miller and B. G. Green, both colored, were arrested early this morning by Plainclothesman Frank George on charges of shooting pistols within the city limits during the New Year celebration at midnight. They were locked up at the police station.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL.) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
S. P. COLLIER, Deputy Clerk.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

Dated and posted this 10th day of December, 1914.

ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO., Mortgagee.

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DAY IN CONGRESS.

Doings of Our National Legislators Around the Capitol.

Washington, Dec. 31. — Senate: The long delayed Seamen's bill was ordered to conference to compose differences with the House.

The Immigration bill was taken up for amendment and with prospect of final vote.

Dean C. Worcester, former Philippine commissioner, opposed the bill for independance before the Philippine committee.

The Lands committee continued work on the water power site leasing bill.

Voted down motion to create literacy test term immigration bill and adds amendments to bar persons of African race and strengthen provisions against polygamy. Recessed at 5:46 P. M. to 11 A. M. Saturday.

House:

Postal Appropriation bill taken up.

Foreign affairs committee continued hearings on resolutions to prohibit exports of war materials, and Representative Towner introduced another resolution for that purpose.

Passed postoffice appropriation bill, carrying $321,000,000.

Began consideration of Indian Appropriation bill.

Adjourned at 4.17 P. M., to noon Saturday.

HEAD OF SEARS, ROEBUCK & COMPANY IS INDICTED.

For Failure to File a Personal Property Schedule.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Julius Rosenwald, rich philanthropist and president of Sears, Roebuck & Company, was indicted today for failure to file a personal property schedule. Mr. Rosenwald admitted the charge which he said was not criminal, and said he acted on the advice of his attorney. Indictments were returned against three other rich men accused o filing false and fraudulent schedules.

State's Attorney Hoyne said his crusade to prevent evasion of the tax laws could not take in every violator and certain examples had to be made.

WILSON THANKS POINCARE

For Letter Recently Sent Him by French Academy.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Wilson has written President Poincare, of France, warmly thanking him for a letter from the French Academy recently brought to this country by Eugene Brieux, the dramatist. Mr. Brieux came as a special representative of the French academy to attend a meeting of the American academy of arts and letters and the National Institute of Arts and Letters. He called at the White House with a Mr. Jusserrand. Mr. Wilson addressed the French President as a "colleague in letters," and spoke of the warm feelings held by himself and the American people for the French people.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE WILL GET ENDOWMENT

To Rebuild Building Destroyed by Fire Recently—All Pledged.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31.—Wellesley college will obtain its $2,00,000 restoration and endowment fund "if pledges and promises now outstanding are duly received," said an announcement tonight by Bishop Lawrence, president of the college trustees. The time limit for raising by general subscription $1,250,000 to obtain a conditional pledge of $150,000 from the Rockefeller foundation expired tonight.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A bill was introduced today by Representative Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the House commerce committee, to prohibit a railroad from carrying commodities manufactured, mined or produced by the road, or under its authority, or by any person or corporation under the same stock or other control, and any commoditiy in which the road has an interest existing or contracted for.

MOVES INTO NEW HOME

Mr. I. Shrier Now Occupies Store on South Front Street.

Mr. I. Shrier, the well known Wilmington clothier, has finished moving his stock of goods into his new home at No. 32 South Front street, next south of Woodall & Sheppard. He has for many years occupied the northeast corner of Front and Princess streets. He will turn over the keys to this place to Mr. J. F. Leitner, the architect, who will have charge of the remodeling of the building for the United Cigar Stores Company. The latter building is expected to be ready for occupancy about February 1.

Mr. Shrier has two large display windows in his handsome new home and announces that he will permit the display of paintings and fancy articles made by Wilmington ladies. He plans to have only one article at a time and this will be allowed to remain in the window for a week.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoyable Programme Rendered at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment at Immanuel Presbyterian church last evening was largely attended and was a most delightful and enjoyable event. Short addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley, and by the superintendent. There were songs and recitations by the members of the primary and junior departments. Messages from the mission fields were brought by several young ladies and children in costumes, representing the different places from which the messages came. Living pictures representing Mother Goose characters were a special feature of the exercises. There was a beautiful Christmas tree. Presents were given to all the children.

New Pool Room Opened.

Mr. Clarence Howlett will open today a pool room at No. 11 Princess street and will have associated with him in its management Mr. Harry T. Cooley. Both these young men have many friends in the city, who will wish for them the greatest success in their undertaking. In honor of the opening there will be free pool this afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Conference With Legislators.

A conference for the discussion of the extension of the city limits will be held Saturday by the citizens of Carolina Heights and other suburbs, which will likely be incorporated as a part of the city, with Senator-elect W. H Cooper and Representative-elect W. P Stacy. The conference has been called at the request of the citizens.

—Fire Chief Charles Schnibben received a letter yesterday from Mr. A. M. Schoen, chief engineer of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association, stating that the test of the engine and pump of the fire boat "Atlantic," which was made recently by Messrs. D. T. Hubbard and T. C. Tallaferro was entirely satisfactory in every respect.

FAIR PLAY RACE CLASH FOLLOWED BY ARRESTS

Two White Men Arrested and Other Warrants Issued.

Walhalla, S. C., Dec. 31.—Two white men were arrested today and warrants have been issued for five others in connection with the recent race clash at Fair Play, S. C., which resulted in the death of four negroes.

Calhoun Kay and William McClure, the men arrested, have been placed in jail here, charged with murder. Mc. Clure is a magistrate.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The Secretary of State's diplomatic breakfast, always the most colorful event of New Year's day in the capital, will not be held tomorrow because diplomatic procedure does not permit a gathering of so many diplomatists whose countries are at war. The New Year's reception at the White House has been abandoned because of the death of Mrs. Wilson.

CUT PRICE CASH SALE

Beginning on New Year's Day, we offer Our Entire Stock of Men's, Youth's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats at a Reduction of

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Dr. Culbreth's Dental Parlors

GOLDSBORO YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Samuel Bridgers Shot by Gun in His Own Hands

Had Recently Returned From a Chicago College Where He Graduated —Was Climbing Barbed Wire Fence.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 31.—Mr. Samuel Bridgers, who recently returned home from a Chicago college, where he graduated in electricity, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bridgers, was instantly killed this afternoon when he accidentally shot himself. The tragedy has cast a gloom over the entire city.

Sam and a young friend, Eddie Perkins, went over into the Borden woods near his home on the western edge of the city to hunt and in climbing the wire fence Sam's gun came in contact with a lower wire as he was lifting it up and both barrels exploded at once, driving their loads through his left breast.

He took a step or two and said to young Perkins, "Go for the doctor," which the latter did in all haste, but Sam's death was almost instant and when the doctor and others reached the spot he was dead.

Mr. J. B. Exum Dead.

Friends in this county and throughout the State will regret to learn of the death in Fremont last night of Mr. J. B. Exum, one of the county's most wealthy farmers.

He is survived by his wife and two children, a son and a daughter; two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Edmundson, of this city, and Mrs. Snow, of Durham; two brothers, Mr. Will Exum, of Tennessee, and Mr. Ed C. Exum, of Eureka. The funeral will be held at Fremont Friday afternoon at 2:30 and the interment will be made in the family plot in the cemetery of that town.

GOTHAMITE TAKES NEWBERN FOR A COUNTRY VILLAGE.

By Special Arrangement Got What Was Coming and Was Satisfied.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 31—Some Northerners who come to the South evidently have the idea that this is a strictly rural section; that the people go to bed with the chickens and that the general spirit which was evident in ante-bellum days still prevails. This was fittingly evidenced a few days ago when the manager of the Gaston Hotel received a letter from a gentleman in New York, informing him that he intended coming to Newbern and would abide at his hostelry while within the confines of the city.

The prospective guest requested that his room be kept warm on the night of his arrival and that some one be sent to the station to meet him and assist with his luggage. The New Yorker arrived on time and there was some one to meet him, in fact, there was a whole corps of porters assisted by an automobile buss and he found his room nice and warm when he reached the hotel. The visitor had an engagement with a young lady that night and before going out he informed the clerk that he would not be in until late and that if they wished to close up they could do so, but he urged that the key to the front door be left under the mat. The management of the house seemingly took the matter seriously and the New Yorker evidently thought that so much trouble was taken for his benefit alone.

FIRE AT MOUNT OLIVE

Threatened Loss of $100,000 Reduced to $2,000 by Fire Fighters.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 31.—But for the quick response and very effective work of the Mount Olive fire company, one of Mount Olive's principal business blocks would have been wiped out by fire last night about midnight, and, inspite of the efforts of the members of the fire department, the loss amounted to about $2,000. The Sutton Grocery Company, in whose store the fire originated, were the heaviest losers, practically their entire stock, valued at about $1,700, having been dextroyed and ruined beyond further use, partially covered by insurance. A small grocery store located next to the Sutton Grocery Company, owned by Murray Brogdon, whose stock was valued at about $700, was also practically a total loss, with no insurance.

No fire here in several years has threatened such serious damage, for, unchecked, the entire block would have been quickly destroyed, entailing a loss of more than $100,000.

MEDICAL PROFESSION BAFFLED

Mr. R. L. Best Goes to Baltimore to Have Sore Mouth Treated.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 31.—Mr. R. L. Best, of this town, one of the best known men in Duplin county, is in Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, suffering with a sore mouth that has perplexed the medical profession of this section. Some time ago a sore appeared on the side of his tongue and it has since spread, causing him pain and annoyance.

He consulted his physician here who advised him to consult a specialist. He went to Goldsboro for this purpose, but the physician there told him he could not help him. He then went to Wilmington, but met the same reply there. He was more or less alarmed and decided to go to Baltimore for treatment. As he has been gone but a few days, no word has yet been received from him.

QUITS HOTEL OLIVETTE

Mrs. Meadows Leaves Mt. Olive to Live in Savannah, Ga.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Dora D. Meadows, who has had charge of the Hotel Olivette here for the past five or six years, has been compelled by ill health to relinquish her control of same, effective this week, and, with her daughter, Miss Ruth, will make her home in Savannah, Ga., in the future. Her son, Mr. Boyd Meadows, will become associated with the management of the Ricks Hotel, Rocky Mount. The Olivette has been leased and will be run hereafter by Mr. W. S. Uzzell, of Raleigh.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

Ruins of Whitby Abbey, After Bombardment by German Warships.

This photograph, just received in the United States, shows part of what was left of Whitby Abbey, one of the famous historic churches of England, after the bombardment by German warships which raided the east coast of England, Dec. 16. Shells from the cruisers some miles at sea beat down the old walls until little was left. It was among many other buildings of Whitby, Scarborough, Hartlepool and West Hartlepool damaged by German shells.

Whitby, which was the smallest of the bombarded towns, was famous chiefly for its beautiful old cathedral. Tradition has it that Robin Hood and Little John practiced archery from its towers.

The abbey was founded in the seventh century, but the buildings were practically rebuilt in the twelfth and fourteenth centuries. The old church towers formed a conspicuous landmark from the sea. The town itself never has been robbed by modern enterprise of its Old World charm.

STOCK LAW FIGHT COMING UP FROM CRAVEN COUNTY.

Advocates Figure it Would be Worth Half Million in Two Years.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 31.—When the next State Legislature convenes it is understood that the advocates of a stock law in Craven county will be on hand with a pretty stiff argument in favor of placing this county under that heading. For several months these gentlemen have been quietly at work feeling the pulse of the public and, according to reports, they are about ready to come to the front with their request and ask the law-makers to do something.

One local gentleman who has for years been a staunch advocate of the proposed law, has compiled figures which show that within the course of two years, if the cattle are prevented from running at large and being infested by the cattle ticks, the increase in the number of cattle and the price paid for them, will amount to more than half a million dollars. The advocates of the law claim that at present the cattle are allowed to run at large; to graze on every man's property whether it be in clover fields or on wooded land, and that they become so infested with cattle tick that their meat is ruined and that they cannot be shipped out of the State and that on this account the cattle raisers are losing thousands of dollars annually.

They also claim that fine breeds of cattle cannot be brought here and grown with satisfaction; that several cattlemen from the West have come to this section, bringing with them blooded stock and that these have soon become unfit for either breeding purposes or food. Those who are in favor of the law will urge that it be passed and that every man who has stock will be required to fence in his property and keep his stock on his own premises and prevent them from running at large. There is some opposition to the movement and a warm conflict is looked for when the matter comes up for discussion.

"GREETINGS FROM GREENSBORO."

Sent Out by Chamber of Commerce. City's Water Showing.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 31.—The chamber of commerce has just issued and is mailing today a booklet entitled "Greetings from Greensboro." The first cover contains the title and the poem of Kipling, "The cities are full of pride, etc." The inside pages are full of pert information about Greensboro, its resources and advantages. On the last cover is the following: "A city is as progressive as its average citizen—no more, no less. No man can avoid his responsibility. He is either helping or hindering. 'They' are not accountable for conditions. The praise or blame is yours or mine."

A recent analysis by the State Board of Health shows Greensboro water to be absolutely pure. Every day there was sent to the State board of health for the last 30 days a half gallon of water before it went into the filters and half a gallon after it had been through the filters. The examination of the filtered water showed no sediment, and all traces of colon bacilli and acid producing bacteria were removed by filtration.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The industrial relations commission's inquiry into the Rockefeller, Carnegie and other foundations which was to have begun next week, has been postponed until January 18th, at the request of prominent witnesses. Business engagements conflicted with the time originally set.

SUPPLIES CHEAPER BOOKS

Lenoir Sheriff Tired of Furnishing Expensive Oath-Bibles.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 31.—"I'm tired of them wasting good Bibles to tell their dad-lim lies on," said Sheriff A. W. Taylor, who has to supply the good books for oath-taking at the court house, today. The sheriff estimates that a score of testaments a year are used up, mostly through careless handling of them, at the court house every year. He has just received a supply of paper bound New Testaments to replace those with cloth bindings destroyed during this year. The saving is several cents on each volume. The sheriff's economy on Bibles is the joke of the county official circle today.

FIVE CENTS PROVES IT

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North Carolina Woman Suffrage League Will Be Active.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 31.—The local Equal Suffrage League has received a large number of copies of the speech of Hon. Edward T. Taylor, of Colorado, made in the House of Representatives, for distribution here. It presents "the good results that have come to Colorado from new laws initiated and carried through by the women." The distribution of 100,000 copies of the speech in Kansas is said to have won political equity for the women of that State. The local league, meeting this afternoon, announced that it would take upon itself the raising of $100 as a contribution to the expense of keeping open State headquarters in Raleigh during the coming session of the Legislature, when a constitutional amendment for equal suffrage will be introduced, according to the officers here.

Postoffice Holiday Hours.

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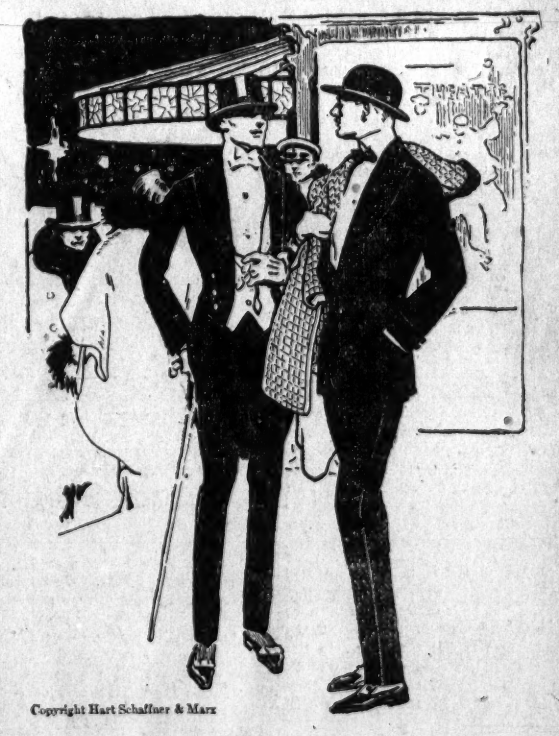

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1915.

Happy New Year!

There is a great deal of difference between a protest and a demand. A demand rejected calls for an ultimatum.

The year which we rang out last night was a record year. It gave us the greatest crops ever produced in America.

Now is the time to begin to make deals, lay plans and prepare for making arrangements for June weddings. June will be here before you know it.

If Governor Colquitt, of Texas, had any popularity, his attack on the Wilson administration ought to open the eyes of Texans to the fact that the governor doesn't deserve much.

Of course, the United States is not going to make it a rule to refuse to recognize governments which have not been set up by the consent of the governed. Circumstances alter cases.

Get you a stiff upper lip and catch step with 1915. Have your nerve with you. Take your chin out of your hand and use both hands with which to get what is coming to you.

Turn your face towards the New Year. We have to go along with it. We have to take what it has in store for us. We have to depend upon the opportunity it will open to us. Those of last year are gone forever. We have another year in which to live and to make life worth living.

One side argues that we will prolong the war by permitting the shipment of war material to Europe, while the other side says it will be the means of bringing the war to a short conclusion. It must be remembered that one argument suits those who are liable to run out of ammunition, while the other suits the side that has plenty.

Poor old 1914! It is being blamed for everything. It is being credited with war, business depression and hard times. At 12 o'clock last night the old year struck out and went to the bleachers. It left behind it the world's people who misused the span of time allotted to them in 1914. What will they do to 1915?

A man isn't a soldier. He has to learn to drill and shoot to become a soldier. Then after he learns all the military movements and knows how to shoot he has to be a man among men in order to be a soldier. It takes a man to face death on the battlefield. When we know that a man has been on the firing line and courageously done his duty, we know he has in him all the elements of a brave man.

Why bow down to the pie counter? What a great commotion is sometimes made over the political feed trough! It is ridiculous. It is absurd. Democrats for pie only have given President Wilson a great deal of trouble, and disappointed soreheads are hurting the Democratic party more than any of its acts are doing it hurt. Some of the patronage rows in the Democratic party are almost the same size as those which Republicans used to pull off.

Those who had counted Mr. A. A. F. Seawell out of the running for the speakership seem to have been premature in their conclusions. He is in the race yet, and has just received the public and unqualified endorsement of a mass meeting of the leading citizens of Sanford and Lee county, who commend him to the people of the State as a man "eminently qualified by character, ability and legislative experience for the position." The Charlotte Observer thinks Mr. Seawell has led all other candidates in securing such public endorsement. Those who have served in the Legislature with Mr. Seawell recognize in him a man of keen intellect, thorough in his methods, a sound thinker, careful and conservative, yet with progressive ideas. In the House in 1913 he was recognized as the champion of the public schools.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

Twelve months ago this morning, we entered what then was the new year of 1914, with high hopes and aspirations, not one in a thousand of us anticipating that those of us who lived to see another New Year's morn would have passed through one of the few epochal years of the world's history.

Yet the record of 1914 will pass down the annals of all time as one of the most eventful years the world has known. To all future generations it will stand out in bold relief on the pages of history, as one of the cardinal dates, one of the years first to be fixed in the minds of children beginning the study of history, somewhat as the years 1492, 1776 and 1861-65 now are impressed upon the minds of those in the elementary grades in American schools. If the world should live to be twice as old as it is today, the year just closed will stand as one of the milestones marking an epoch in the annals of time and every student of history will know something of the events that you and I have been discussing these last five months.

There is much of bad in the best of years and much of good in the worst of years, but this generation is not likely to see the day when we can look upon the year 1914,viewing it broadly, and say that it was a good one for mankind. If left to most of us today to weigh in the balances the good and the bad the old year has brought to the world, the good would be found wanting, though future generations, with a perspective of that which shall be brought forth as the result of the travail the world is now passing through, may be able to say it was a good year for the human race.

If the mighty conflict now in progress, paralyzing the commerce and industry of the world, taking the bread of life from the mouths of millions of men, women and children, reducing them to starvation, while hundreds of thousands of human beings, the physical flower of many lands, every one of whom once was tenderly folded in the bosom of a suffering mother who would have given her life for that of her offspring, are being butchered, brother by brother, all created in the image of God, sons of the Divine Fatherhood who have forgotten that they belong to the great Brotherhood of Man—if from this gigantic world pang should come forth a newborn type of civilization whose swords should be turned into plowshares and by which the Prince of Peace should be recognized in a reign universal, then might men look upon the year 1914 and say it was good. Who knows today that the Pan-European struggle may not be the beginning of the end of war? Stranger things have happened.

To many in our own country and community it has been a year full of disappointments and failures. Many brilliant hopes of twelve months ago have been rudely shattered. Expectations have not been realized. We have not accomplished what we planned. We have not reached the mark we set for ourselves a year ago. Reverses undreamed of have been the lot of many who twelve months ago began the new year with fond anticipations of the best year in their career. To such the passing of the old year brings little regret, but rather a feeling of relief that it is gone.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and so today we face the new year with renewed courage, high purposes and new aspirations, and full of the spirit of optimism. Few of us believe but that this year is going to be better for us than last. We enter the new year with resolutions that we are going to write a better record in 1915 than we wrote in 1914. We purpose to be better and stronger men and women during the new year than we were during the old. We aim to be truer, to ourselves, our fellow men, our country and our God, than we were in the year just closed. We aim to achieve more and confidently expect to receive more for our efforts this year than ever before. Generally we enter the new year with optimism, more of it perhaps than we experience at any other season. And it is well.

Somehow there is consolation this morning in the contemplation that our record for 1915 is as yet a clean white page, both as to our conduct and our achievements. Thus far few of us have marred the record by unseemly conduct. Nor have we made mistakes to regret. No failures, reverses or disappointments yet have blotted the page. So we step forth with more vigor, with lighter hearts, with more cheerful countenance, with fuller chest, with heads more erect as it were, today than we did yesterday, confident in our souls that this is going to be a better year with us than any of its predecessors, and determined to do our part to make it so. And so may it be!

SOUTHPORT AS A NAVAL BASE

We do not know which to congratulate most, the Navy Department or the people of Wilmington, upon the fact that the splendid harbor and ocean gateway at Southport is to be surveyed by the government with a view to determining its availability for naval purposes. The survey ought to satisfy the Navy Department when it gets all the facts and advantages in hand. The Southport News rejoices over the prospect of an early survey and says concerning it:

"It is very evident that the matter of establishing a naval base and coaling station in the South will be decided upon in a short time and with a real investigation of this and other localities, Southport, by reason of our superior advantages, will be the point selected. There has been a whole lot of work done in this regard within the past couple of months and the result is that an official survey of this port has been ordered by the government, but the exact date of the survey had not yet been decided upon.

"With the talk of rehabilitation of the navy the matter of a convenient station in this section of the country has been brought up and the local advantages have so impressed the department that they are to go to work in earnest and find out as to whether or not this is the logical point for the establishment of such a base.

"With the close proximity of the port to the ocean and the fact that there are no disadvantages for vessels to get in and out there is no reason why the government should not decide upon Southport in the matter. This is the logical location and there are none others along the coast that can begin to compete with it, considering every advantage. With the establishment of such a base will come the long talked of coaling station."

Here is a chance for the commercial bodies of Wilmington and Southport to get together and get behind the survey proposition. The engineer corps will make the technical observation, but there are many reasons why the Navy Department should avail itself of such places as Southport. No such landlocked harbor on the South Atlantic lies so close in to the ocean, and it has the advantage of being under the guns of Fort Caswell, already one of the government's strongest coast fortifications. Even were a hostile fleet to get close enough to land shots at Southport, there is a plenty more of haven for 28 miles up to Wilmington.

The waters here are open all the year, and there are such admirable sites for a coaling station and whatever else might be located on the inside for naval use, that choice would not have to be confined to any one location. For nearness to the Panama Canal and also to the coastwise ocean lanes for Atlantic Ocean and Gulf shipping, there is no other port combining so many advantages.

If the government is going to have an adequate and efficient navy, it also will have to make that factor of the nation's defense effective. That calls for advantageous and capable bases at various points on the Atlantic and the Gulf. A survey will prove that Southport is peculiarly eligible and the country would be in position to be congratulated if it had a dozen such ocean gateways and capacious harbors as can be found at Southport.

Our commercial bodies should get in touch with the matter of a government survey and take early steps in any direction tending to bring about a satisfactory report on the project. The government is taking a step which it ought to take—not for Southport or Wilmington, but because of the strategic and physical advantages which Southport offers to the navy of the United States. That is the main reason we are for it.

KEEP OUR YOUNG MEN HERE.

"A prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

That is true today in many portions of the South. That is the reason its young men have gone elsewhere and made good. They could have done the same here but we let them go where they would be taken seriously. They went away to seek chances that in a way were denied them at home. They made up their minds to go abroad and seek the honor that they could not get at home. They go and they get honor and we brag about some of them because they are North Carolinians.

What good does it do North Carolina to do the bragging while some other state did the honoring, gave them the chance and are getting the benefit of their ability, their genius, their constructiveness, their service and their eminence? When the average North Carolina boy is born we ought to view the youngster as a contribution to the wealth of the State. He is worth more than his weight in gold, because his earning and constructive forces are worth more in money making and wealth making than can be earned on his weight in gold coined into $20 gold pieces. The fact is the boy is a great big asset if he is raised right and is given the right sort of chances by his parents and his State and its people.

The State is trying to do its best by its boys so it can make them better assets. It is hard at work in developing a school system, primary and collegiate, that will lay the foundation for their greatest power—Knowledge. North Carolina aims at enlightening her boys, but it is in the homes where those boys have to acquire character, manliness, integrity, and industry. Are we piddling with any of those assets? If so, why so? Anyhow, we ought to make the most of those assets by giving the boys a chance. A man who has a boy and does not make anything out of him is like the slothful servant whose only limelight was cast in the Biblical lore which records him as burying his talent in a napkin without so much as endeavoring to earn a cent on it. If we regard that slothful servant as a chump for neglecting to realize on capital placed in his hands, what can we think of ourselves when we have a boy asset which we handle in a worse manner than did the servant with his talent?

We must realize that boys are capital. We might as well begin to take a boy seriously just as soon as he comes along as an addition to the family. If he lives and becomes a man his head and his hands will be worth something if he is given a chance. If he grows up with willing hands and a head full of sense he is bound to be worth something, and as a matter of fact, according to the political economists, the average American man represents an asset value of $1,000. In other word, if he works he can at least be depended upon to turn in a pront each year, equal to 6 per cent of $1,000. That would be only $60, so that when it is said that a baby boy is worth more than his weight in gold that is the truth. You can calculate it yourself, taking men as a whole.

American men have made this the richest country on the earth, and it is the average man that has done the work. We ought to know, therefore, that just as soon as the stork has landed a little Tar Heel each one of his chubby little fists is worth more than two gold nuggets of equal size. The boy is the real thing and we might as well attach a huge lot of importance to it from the time he begins to make a noise. A North Carolina boy is just as good as any and if we give him a chance he will prove it here and everywhere else.

We want them to prove it in North Carolina and consequently we want to keep them at home. We can do that by giving them a chance. We can do it by giving them the preference. We can do it by taking the young men seriously. The young man who gets the right sort of showing in North Carolina is going to stay here and he will make good.

The man who sends off and gets another fellow and pays him more to do precisely what a young North Carolinian can do with the same chances is the man who makes a first class knocker out of the home product. It is that which makes young men pull up pegs and trek afar off. Other states are bound to look good to young men who want a showing and are determined to have it. Look around in your home market for what you want in the way of a man.

SOUTHERN BUSINESS SITUATION

The crisis through which the South is now passing, and whose end is not yet in sight, holds, for those who lay deeply to heart the economic lesson, a blessing in disguise. But we must face the facts as they are, look ourselves squarely in the face and refuse to be deceived.

Our problem is not so much over-production (although the immediate controlling means of meeting the crisis is radical curtailment of cotton acreage) as excessive cost of production, and in this is comprehended loose credits, extravagant living, unproductive labor, wasteful methods, over-capitalization of lands and absence of diversification of crops.

With the facts admitted, the duty confronts every man to analyze his own condition, seeking to find the weak points rather than felicitate himself on his strong points. This may not be an easy task, perhaps not a pleasant one, but it will most certainly prove a profitable task. It demands courage and determination, and will solve the problem for each of us in the degree that the spirit of fearless examination attends our efforts.

Ours is the wealth of the world, an inheritance from nature, and our economic independence will come when our agricultural conditions are so firmly bottomed that no passing adversity can shake our credit fabric.

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Be a veteran! In business life there is nothing higher.

Yours very truly,

J. A. TAYLOR.

Wilmington, N. C., January 1, 1915.

The above is a copy of a letter issued on the New Year to the trade by Mr. J. A. Taylor, the well known wholesale grocer and economist, of this city. It is well worth the reading and the calm reflection of everyone for the inspiration which it carries and the presentation of the situation as it is, summed up from weeks of personal observation and a study of fundamental conditions.

COL. JONES' GREAT SCORE.

In view of the fact that the government is considering Southport's availability as a naval coaling station and base, it is extremely fortunate that Col. S. A. Jones, of Waynesville, N. C., got his argument before the Senate Commerce Committee incorporated in full in the printed report of the hearings before that committee on the House Rivers and Harbors appropriation bill. It was a great triumph for Colonel Jones, but a greater one for the Cape Fear ocean gateway, for Southport and for the intra-coastal waterway from Norfolk to Florida.

The Star has received the printed report of the committee's hearings, and it contains the full prepared statement by Colonel Jones. He was before the committee and was accorded a hearing, with the result that there has been incorporated in the committee's report the completest argument we have ever seen in behalf of the improvement of the port of Southport and Wilmington, not to mention waterways improvements in general.

Colonel Jones' statement begins on page 311, and occupies 30 full pages of the printed proceedings. It is not only pointed, but comprehensive and elaborate, the whole being fortified by striking statistical information and cogent reasoning at every point. The Jones statement is a good thing for Wilmington and Southport people to depend upon for information, for in it they get the broadest possible view and the strongest kinds of reasons for the development of the Cape Fear ocean gateway.

The Star is glad Colonel Jones landed his statement, and although he was feeling unwell, he was so earnest and public-spirited that he went all the way to Washington to appear before the committee. He deserves the appreciation and commendation of the people of Southport and Wilmington, and they surely will accord it to him, if they will send for the printed document and the report in full. It is "Part 7" of the hearing before the Committee on Commerce, United States Senate, 63rd Congress, second session.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1915.

THIS day, beyond wide wastes of sea,
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—W. P.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Solicitor Sinclair held his last court in Hoke last week and is now a private citizen. While Eastern North Carolina has several strong men, and good lawyers, N. A. Sinclair has no superior and but few equals when you are looking for real ability. He made a fine socilitor and Fayetteville welcomes him back as her ablest private citizen.—Fayetteville Index.

The General Assembly meets in Raleigh next Tuesday. A casual review of the list of members reveals the names of some strong men, sterling Democrats, who have seen much service in the ranks. In formulating new plans which have been under discussion it is going to take hard work by experienced men and even then we do not look for perfection.—High Point Enterprise.

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DEAN NOBLE PLEASED WITH FINE SCHOOLS

University Professor Makes Tour of Inspection.

Advocates Introduction of Manual Training in City Institutions—Best Thing, He Says, is Spirit Behind Work.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the School of Education at the University of North Carolina, is spending the holidays in the city with friends and relatives. Being a former superintendent of the city public schools, he is naturally deeply interested in the educational progress of the city and county.

When asked yesterday by a Star man as to his impressions of what is being done for public education in the schools of Wilmington and New Hanover county. He replied that he was highly gratified with school conditions as he had found them. One day this week, County Superintendent Catlett took him out into the country where he found two school houses in course of construction, each of which was being built with especial reference to the health and comfort of both teachers and pupils, and at the same time they were of very pretty and attractive styles of architecture. He rode by a number of other school buildings all of which were of equal beauty and convenience and of easy approach along the splendid roads of the county.

He visited and inspected the William Hooper, Cornelius Harnett and Hemenway buildings each of which is a worthy companion piece of architecture with the delightfully attractive and comfortable Issac Bear Memorial School that no one can see without admiring.

Professor Noble is highly pleased at the fact that Mrs. Fennell, principal of the Cornelius Harnett school; Miss Eliza Meares, principal of the Willam Hooper school, and Miss Julia Hill, principal of the Bear Memorial school are members of the old corps of teachers when he was superintendent of the city schools, and that Professor Hamilton, principal of the Hemenway school is a former student of his in the School of Education at Chapel Hill.

He says that no city in the State has school buildings superior to those of Wilmington in either architectural beauty, convenience of construction, or sanitary arrangements.

It was with great pleasure that he found Principal Hamilton, full of inspiration and pride, working like a tiger to get the Hemenway ready for the opening after the holidays.

"And, by the way," said he, "the spacious basements that I found in the grammar school buildings will do fine for the introduction of manual training, and I hope that it will be soon introduced into all of the schools. And this brings me to speak of the new Williston building for the negroes. The large tract of land on which this building stands gives this school a greater opportunity for industrial training than any school I know of in the State. If there is among the corps of teachers at the Williston one who has the necessary industrial training and who has the inspiration, enthusiasm, and initiative necessary for leadership among teachers and pupils, he can successfully work out the problem of agriculture and school gardening for the colored people and at the same time have model school gardens that will attract hundreds of visitors and students of education.

"The best thing that I saw was the spirit behind the work now being done in city and country. Of course Blair and Hamilton and Catlett and the corps of teachers in all of the schools are full of enthusiasm and inspiration and ideals; but these could not be effective without school committees who are loyal to the cause, and these must have back of them a County Board of Education like Carr, Solomon and Gieschen who have already shown their loyalty and their interest by their works.

"And there is J. O. Carr," said Dean Noble, "who stands out in my mind as a model chairman in interest, intelligence, zeal, and hard work, and untiring worker for the education of all the children. May he never let up in his work and may he never be let off from it."

ELABORATE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME TONIGHT

Play Will Be Presented at Calvary Baptist Church.

The annual Christmas entertainment by the Calvary Baptist Sunday School will be given tonight. Instead of giving presents to the children, the amount usually donated to this purpose has been used in sending baskets of provisions to the needy and in remembering the "shut ins" and the sick with gifts of flowers and fruit. This was done with the approval of the children; who were glad of this opportunity to help make others happy by their thoughtfulness.

The play to be presented tonight is entitled "Santa Claus' Daughter." It is to be presented in two acts, and the following is the cast: Santa Claus, Mrs. S. F. Garrison; Kitty Claus, Miss Ethel Holmes; Gussey DeSmythe, Mr. Alex Walker; McCinnis O'Rouke, Mr. S. F. Garrison; Coachman, Mr. L. E. Williams; Erin, the Goddess of Ireland, Miss Sallie Burriss; Queen of the Fairies, Miss Marie Nixon; Fairies, Misses Nida May Packer, Alene Matthews, Virginia Woolard, and Louise Sullivan; New Year, Miss Helen Britt; Fourth of July, Miss Gaynelle Nixon; Thanksgiving, Miss Addie Burriss; Christmas, Miss Gertrude Sawyer.

Miss Ruth Britt will speak words of welcome.

"He'll Soon Be Here," "We All Believe," "Ring the Bells," are the chorus songs that will be sung by the following chorus: Misses Bessie Nixon, Bessie Simmons, Christiana Wood, Irene Beaton, Ruby Matthews, Katie McInnis, Naomi Sutton, Pearl Henry, Louise Beaton, Lottie Mason, Mary Hester Vann, Thelma Russ, Irene Henry, Annette Woolard, Odell Merritt, Ruby Simmons, Elsie Ennett, Sadie Casteen and Masters Earl Bland, Biggs Holden, Victor Sullivan, George Reeves, Harold Woolard, Vernan Green, Adrian Casteen, Frank McInnis, Marion Merritt, Ambrey Merritt, Accompanist, Miss Mabel Woolard.

The following is the committee: Mrs. J. R. Nixon, Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Mrs. J. F. Garrison, Mrs. J. A. Sullivan.

Services at St. John's Today.

The Feast of the Circumcision will be observed at St. John's Episcopal church this morning at 10:30 o'clock, the services being in charge of the rector, Rev. W. E. Cox.

GIVE JUDGE WEEK OF REST

New Hanover Lawyers Decide to Have No Civil Court in January. Criminal Docket Only.

At a meeting of the bar of New Hanover county in the office of Maj. W. N. Harriss, Clerk of the Superior Court, yesterday morning it was decided not to arrange a calendar for the two weeks' term of Superior Court which convenes in Wilmington next Monday, this action being taken because Judge H. W. Whedbee, who will preside, has just completed a strenuous period of holding courts in the Seventh district and the local lawyers feel that he should have a few days of rest.

Notices have been sent to all witnesses and jurors, summoned to appear for the second week of court, that they need not do so. The regular term of criminal court will be held as usual and as soon as the criminal docket is finished court will adjourn.

There is only one case for trial next week in which the defendant is charged with murder, this being that against Jim Hansley, a negro, who is charged with killing Joe Hewett, a white man, at Seagate. There is one case for burglary, this being against George Mintz, a 16-year-old white boy, who is alleged to have entered a house at night which was occupied. There are other cases of less importance. It is not expected that it will take all the week to complete the criminal docket.

INQUIRY FROM EX-SLAVE.

Old Time Darkey Wants Information of Former Masters.

Postmaster H. McL. Green has received through the regular course of the United States mail two letters addressed to Messrs. Tom and Ben Brugles from A. P. Fuquay, secretary of the Alexander City Commercial Club, of Alexander City, Ala., making inquiry as to the former owners of an old ex-slave, who is now anxious to get in communication with his "white folks" here in Wilmington.

The letter addressed to Messrs. Tom and Ben Brugles, with an explanation by Mr. Fuquay that in the lapse of time and memory, the old man has forgotten the exact name of his first "white folks" and he suggests that he may be trying to say Bruges or Brudges, or maybe he is trying to say Bruggles. At any rate Mr. Green would like to deliver the letters to the person for whom they are intended.

Mr. Fuquay writes that in his town resides an old colored man, respected by everyone, who desires him to correspond with his former owners in Wilmington or their descendants. He says that he was reared by the Brugles family to seven years of age. In the year 1848, when seven years old, his master sold him to one Ausley Davis, a slave speculator of Petersburg, Va. He states that "Tom Brugles and Ben Brugles" were his two young masters and that Miss Nannie "Brugles" was his "young missus". His name is Charley and his name in Wilmington was Charley Brugles, but when he was taken to Petersburg and sold there he went to other speculators in Alabama and then to a prominent man of the times known as "Dr. Maxwell". He remained in the Maxwell family until the close of the war in 1865 when he was again sold to a Moseley estate. He is now known as "Uncle Charles Moseley." He says he yet loves the family of his old master and especially his "young missus" and wants to hear from them all.

Mr. Fuquay writes that Uncle Charley is highly respected by everybody in Alexander City, Ala., has always been a hard worker and is strictly honest and truthful. He is yet in good health, although somewhat bent with age, but he is anxious to learn if "his people" are yet living, and, if so, he wants to pay them a visit. Any word or expression from any of them will be hailed with keen delight by him and any communication with Mr. Fuquay will have immediate attention.

OYSTER ROAST GIVEN.

Waterworks Superintendent Host to Department City Officials.

Supt. W. E. Merritt, of the Water and Sewerage Department of the city, and Chief Engineer John Sweeney, of the same department, were at "home" at the plant at Hilton yesterday afternoon to a number of the city officials and department heads in the municipal government and a few friends, who were given, many of them, a first opportunity of looking over the really splendid plant which the city now owns at Hilton. The occasion was an oyster roast, or more properly an "oyster steam", the luscious bivalves being cooked with pure live steam and served piping hot and to the queen's taste in every particular.

Councilman C. C. Loughlin, in charge of the department, and Councilmen Jones and Merritt were among the "higher" officials present and Superintendent Merritt and his splendid corps of assistants at Hilton, were never in more hospitable frame of mind. A beautiful street now leads out to the works and a number of the guests were able to drive immediately out to the plant in their machines over roads which a few months ago were impassible depths of sand.

The affair yesterday was informal in every way, but the spread was bountiful and everyone went away thanking Mr. Merritt and the other hosts for an altogether delightful feast and a most interesting inspection of the works, which were never in more complete shape than at present.

Just now the plant is pumping about three million gallons of water daily, an even million more than was pumped at the same time last year, owing to the large number of new connections. Another splendid centrifugal pump of a million gallons capacity per day is now being installed at the plant and will make Chief Sweeney's station about the most complete of any in the South. The new machine is for the filter basins.

FUNERAL OF MR. PICKETT.

Services From Home of Capt. W. P. Oldham Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. Thomas G. Pickett, who died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at his boarding place, No. 105 Dock street, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his sister, Mrs. W. P. Oldham, No. 213 South Second street, by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church. The services wore attended by a large number of friends and there were many beautiful floral designs. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The pall-bearers were as follows: Honorary, Dr. G. H. Croom and Mr. W. J. Kirkham; active, Messrs. Joseph H. Watters, Brooke G. Empie, Henry Weil, Hartie Freeman, Dan Futrelle and G. W. Westbrook.

NEW YEAR IS GIVEN RIGHT ROYAL WELCOME

General Cessation of Business In Wilmington Today

Watch Night Services in Many Churches Last Night—Many Sat Up to Watch 1914 Pass—Golf Tournament.

1915.

That is the way it is written today. A large part of Wilmington sat up last night to welcome the stranger and even before the old year had gone there was a general tooting of horns, the exploding of firecrackers, the blowing of whistles and other kinds of noises to show that people here were not unmindful of the fact that 1914 was soon to be history. The general racket reached its climax when the Court House clock struck the hour of midnight, the steamboats on the river and various manufacturing plants joining in the happy chorus.

Watch night services were held in a number of the churches and in a great many homes in Wilmington. These were largely attended and the exercises were of a most impressive nature. The year that is now history has been an eventful one and the many epochal happenings have served to make people more serious than is usually the case on occasions like this.

As usual, Wilmington will have a holiday today. All the banks and public offices will be closed as well as many of the business houses and offices. The annual New Year's golf tournament of the Cape Fear Golf Club will be one of the big events of the day and will be attended by many people.

Church Services.

One of the interesting exercises today will be the sunrise prayer meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, which will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, this morning. This will be attended not only by members of the church, but by a large number of their friends also.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church, after its holiday business and social meeting last night held a watch night service in the church, this being in charge of the prayer meeting committee. Watch night services were also conducted at Grace Methodist church from 11 to 12 o'clock. A feature of the service was an old time love feast.

Following the annual Christmas exercises by the Sunday school of Sixth Street Advent Christian church last evening, there was a watch night service. Other churches in the city also held exercises of some sort, all of them having for their object a proper observance of the spirit of consecration to larger and nobler tasks.

Golf Tournament.

Three events are scheduled at the Cape Fear Country Club today in its annual New Year's golf tournament. At 10 A. M. will be the men's class A bogie competition for players whose handicap is 18 or less. At 2:30 P. M. there will be the men's class B handicap open to all whose handicap is over 18. At 3:30 P. M. will be the women's approaching and putting contest.

The annual New Year's oyster roast will be served at 1 P. M. Members of the club and their families will enjoy a basket luncheon at that time. This is always one of the most enjoyable features of the day at the golf club.

The regular Sunday schedule of cars every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M., will be operated today on the suburban line of the Tidewater Power Co., on account of the holiday. Cars leave the beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M. At other hours the regular week-day schedule will be operated.

NEGROES SENT TO ROADS.

James Riley and Alfred Smith Were Charged With Assault.

Recorder Brooke G. Empie yesterday sentenced James Riley and Alfred Smith, both colored, to 30 days each on the county roads on charges of an assault with a deadly weapon, it being alleged that they were the two negroes who several days ago threw a rock at Mr. V. M. Gilbert while he was riding on a bicycle along Market street in an effort to rob him of a bag of money he was carrying. They denied that they were the guilty persons and implicated Charles Smith, colored, but the latter was discharged.

Messrs. Bob Sneed and Dolie Southerland, charged with gambling, and Pat Patterson, charged with running a gambling place, pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them and were each fined $10 and the costs. The cases were sent to the Recorder from Justice Harriss' court.

According to the evidence brought to the attention of the court there were several men, none of whom made a practice of gambling, who met by chance the day before Christmas and engaged in a game of crap, where at no time was there as much as $3 involved. Inasmuch as it did not appear from the evidence that any regular gambling place had been conducted the Recorder did not consider the cases of any great consequence.

A case against Gieschen Bros., charging this concern with the operation of a raffling board, was continued until January 18th, when all the cases of this nature will be heard.

OLD MILL TO GRIND AGAIN

Mr. W. O. Page Leases Old Turlington Plant in South Wilmington.

It is announced that Mr. W. O. Page, the well known traveling man of Wilmington, has leased from the owners, Messrs. Carter & Brice, the well equipped Turlington grist mill in South Wilmington and will operate the same in future, supplying the Wilmington trade with fresh ground country meal and grists from pure white corn and put up in attractive packages for the retail trade. On Fridays the mill will be operated for "toll" and those who bring their own corn to mill may have it ground at the usual toll of one-eighth. The mill was re-equipped about three years ago with new machinery and other devices and is in the best of condition. Workmen have been busy for several days getting the plant in order.

With the "back to the farm" idea in the last few years, there has been a general revival of interest in home supplies, Mr. B. F. Keith having recently overhauled and placed in operation his grist mill at Keith, Pender county. He finds a ready sale for the product of his mill on the Wilmington market and Mr. Page will no doubt be more than successful with his venture right here in the city.

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ENJOYABLE AFFAIR BY ELKS

Annual New Year's Reception Last Night Was Largely Attended—Fine Musical Programme.

The annual New Year's reception by the Wilmington Lodge of Elks in the parlors of the handsome quarters on North Front street from 8 to 11 o'clock last evening was a most delightful affair and was attended by several hundred people including the Elks, their families and many of their friends. An attractive musical programme was rendered and there was dancing throughout the evening. Refreshments were served. The parlors were beautifully decorated, this feature having been in charge of Rehder, the florist.

Those who took part in the musical programme were Miss Katherine Vollers with Mrs. Hardy Schulken as accompanist; Mr. D. A. Lockfaw with Mr. James Owen Reilly as accompanist; Mrs. Mattie Longfellow with Miss Julia Post as accompanist. Music for the dancing was furnished by West's Orchestra.

Those who assisted in serving punch were Mrs. C. T. Harper, Mrs. J. C. Shepard and Misses Eleanor Bessellieu, Annie Reilly and Beatrice Donkie.

The reception committee which had charge of the arrangements for the occasion was composed of Exalted Ruler S. M. King, chairman; Dr. Chas. T. Harper, Dr. J. H. Bornemann and Messrs. C. W. Polvogt, L. Stein, James Owen Reilly and H. E. Longley.

BRING SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Action is Aftermath of an Automobile Accident Recently.

Two suits were brought in Superior Court yesterday against Mrs. Bertha Zoeller, the alleged owner of an automobile which several weeks ago smashed into a buggy on the Scott's Hill road, the driver of the machine being John Harlee, colored. The suits are brought by J. F. Howard and wife, Mrs. Beulah Howard, who is alleged in the complaint to have been seriously injured, and by C. O. Howard, a brother of J. F. Howard. Damages to the amount of $3,000 are asked for by Mrs. Howard. The complaint in the other action has not been filed. K. C. Sidbury, Esq., represents the plaintiffs.

It is alleged in the complaint brought by J. F. Howard and wife that an automobile bearing the number 4410, North Carolina, which was registered in the name of Mrs. Bertha Zoeller, and driven by John Harlee, smashed into the buggy in which the plaintiffs and C. O. Howard were returning home from Wilmington. It is alleged that Harlee's carelessness caused the accident. The complaint sets forth that Mrs. Howard was injured in a number of places about her body and had all her teeth broken out except the front ones and also suffered internal injuries and that she has since been confined to the hospital and is now confined there.

Harlee was arrested after the accident for alleged careless driving. The negro is said to have purchased the automobile from Mrs. Zoeller.

His Leg Amputated.

A Mr. Hooks, of Nichols, S. C., was brought to Harper's Sanitarium in this city on the early morning train from the South yesterday, having suffered a compound fracture of the right leg near the knee. Mr. Hooks was felling trees on the place near his home and a falling tree flew backward and struck him on the leg. He was brought to the city soon after the accident and it was found that amputation would be necessary. Accordingly the leg was taken off just above the knee. Mr. Hooks was resting very well last night, according to reports from the sanitarium.

Negro Was Obstreperous.

Mr. J. P. Cook, of Whiteville, was in Wilmington yesterday afternoon with a negro whom he was taking to the colored insane asylum at Goldsboro. The negro was very obstreperous and on the way over had to be tied hand and foot in order to keep him quiet. He made a strenuous effort to bite everyone who came near him. Mr. Cook had had quite enough of trouble by the time he had reached Wilmington and after committing him to prison here spent the night in the city.

Dr. Wells Returns.

Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, returned to the city Wednesday evening, leaving his mother, his many friends will be glad to know, much improved. Dr. Wells will preach tonight in the memorial hall of the church preparatory to communion on the Sabbath. The public is cordially invited.

THIS IS A BAD MONTH

The indoor life of winter, with lack of outdoor exercise, puts a heavy load on the kidneys. Nearly everybody suffers from rheumatism, backache, pain in sides and back, kidney and bladder ailments. A backache may not mean anything serious, but it certainly does not mean anything good. Its better to be on the safe side and take Foley's Kidney Pills to strengthen and invigorate the kidneys and help them do their work. They help rid the blood of acids and poisons. Sold by R. R. Bellamy.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Edna Shaw is spending a few days with friends at Maysville.

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Miss Florence Potter is visiting friends in Greensboro for a few days.

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Misses Lucile McKeithan and Bessie Newton, of Southport, are spending a few days in the city with friends.

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Mr. John Shaw, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. N. G. Shaw, No. 412 Red Cross street, has returned to his home at Maysville.

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Misses Lila and Adeline Keith left yesterday for Atkinson to visit Miss Annie Fay Keith.

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The Dock Street Christian church will have its annual Christmas tree tonight. An attractive programme has been prepared and everybody is most cordially invited.

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Miss Annie Gillerlain left last night for Norfolk where she will spend a short while as the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Anderson.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will not have a meeting this afternoon but will have a called meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock instead.

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A special feature of the social meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society at the First Presbyterian church last evening were the solos by Mrs. W. G. Robertson, who was accompanied by Mr. Robertson, and a reading by Miss Behrends.

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A dance was given last evening at Harmony Circle on South Front street in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Marx S. Nathan, who are visiting relatives in Wilmington during the holiday season. The club rooms were attractively decorated. At midnight a supper was served which was greatly enjoyed by the large number in attendance.

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From the Jonesboro, N. C., News, of December 29th: "Mrs. L. B. Sasser, of Wilmington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. J. Gibbons.——Mr. Ralph Shepherd, of Wilmington, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Dr. Shepherd near Broadway.——Mr. and Mrs. Roger Russell, of Wilmington, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. C. H. Russell, at the Birches."

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Henderson, N. C., Dec. 31.—Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Henderson, and Miss Mattie Clements, of this city, were married yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's niece, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, of Farmville. Dr. and Mrs. Beaman are spending their honeymoon in Florida. They will be at home in Henderson after January 10th.

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Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 31.—The annual New Year's Eve ball at the Carolina, the holiday golf tournament, and the opening of the fox hunting season, contributed an important part to a busy week of affairs indoors and out. The company of holiday visitors is the largest in the history of the resort and bookings for the immediate future indicate the fact that Pinehurst, at least, has lifted the European embargo on winter pleasures and awakened new interest in "made in United States resorts."

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SIGMA NU FRATERNITY DANCE FINE SUCCESS.

The annual dance given each year during the holidays by the Sigma Nu fraternity, last night at the Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach, was one of the most successful of these annual affairs by this well known college organization. The young people went down to the beach on a special suburban car, leaving the city at 9 o'clock and returned this morning about 1:30 o'clock. There were about fifty couples participating and excellent music was furnished for the occasion by Grainger's orchestra.

The club building was attractively decorated with college colors almost throughout and the dancing floor presented an especially animated and attractive scene. Among those who attended were a great number of young people at home for the holidays from the respective colleges as well as a number of resident Sigma Nus and their friends here.

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ENJOYABLE DANCE AT THE GERMANIA CLUB.

The Christmas dance at the Germania Club Wednesday evening while not largely attended was a most enjoyable affair. Music was furnished by Brown's orchestra. The club rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion:

Those present and dancing were Miss Myrtle Vollers, Mr. LeRoy Polvogt; Miss Marie Rehder, Mr. Christopher Buttleman; Miss Louise Gieschen, Mr. George Tiencken; Miss Lucile Polvogt, Mr. F. J. Duls; Miss Eloise Cheek, Mr. J. G. Oldenbuttle; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Struthers; Miss Christine Schulken, Mr. Schute; Miss Vashti Pigford, Mr. C. B. Wessell; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cronenberg; Miss Augusta Gieschen, Mr. Will Bellois; Miss Cleone Pigford, Mr. N. V. Oldenbuttle; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Banck; Miss Katherine Vollers, Mr. L. W. Wessell.

Stags—Messrs. Henry Gerdes, Will Ortman, Herman Gerdes, Louis Hanson.

Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Tiencken, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Polvogt, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bellois, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vollers.

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THE DANSANT AT BOYS' BRIGADE ARMORY TODAY.

The Dansant under the auspices of the King's Daughters for the benefit of the district nurse's fund will be given at the Boys' Brigade this afternoon and tonight from 4 to 6 o'clock and from 8 to 11 o'clock. There will be no tickets sold but admission will be at the door.

There will be beautiful living pictures—modern dances by most graceful and accomplished young people, and afterwards general dancing, in which all are invited to join.

Refreshments will be served at moderate prices. "Watch Your Step" and smooth the pillow of some sick child. Every sandwich conveys the zest of a good deed. Every cup of coffee or chocolate gives the glow of health to the poor of the city. Every saucer of ice cream cools the fever of some poor sufferer. You simply dance the services of a trained nurse to the bedside of the suffering poor. Can you start the New Year with a happier thought? Admission for ladies, 25 cents; children 15 cents; gentlemen, 50 cents.

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ENTERTAIN INFORMALLY IN HONOR OF MISS NORTHROP.

The following from yesterday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to a wide circle of friends in Wilmington:

"Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Harris entertained a few relatives and intimate friends informally at their home on North Church street last evening from 8 to 10 o'clock to meet Miss Florrie Northrop, of Wilmington, whose wedding to Mr. James P. Harris takes place in the early spring. The home was beautifully decorated with holly and crimson carnations. The large circular mahogany dining room table was covered with handsome lace and in the center was a golden basket filled with holly. An elegant buffet supper was served. Mrs. W. E. Thomas, gowned in pink charmeuse and lace bodice, poured coffee at one end of the table and Mrs. George Jordan, gowned in embroidered crepe, presided at the opposite side of the table and served a salad course.

"Miss Northrop, who was one of last season's debutantes, is a charming brunette, petite and attractive. Last evening she was gowned in red charmeuse with princess lace bodice and corsage of lillies of the valley."

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NEW YEAR'S EVENTS IN WARSAW SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 31.—Mrs. C. F. Carroll was hostess on Tuesday after noon to a few of her friends. Rook was the game in which they indulged, and the occasion was a very pleasant one.

Miss Mattie Hines entertained a small number of her friends on Wednesday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Sallie Bowden, of Wilmington.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Dobie was the scene on Wednesday evening of quite a pleasant gathering of a few of their friends. Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Dobie thus celebrated the third anniversary of their wedding. Three tables were arranged and the evening was spent playing rook. Miss Fannie Best gracefully assisted the hostess in serving refreshments of grape juice and cake.

By special request, "Her Friend, the Enemy," the Civil War drama, beautifully interwoven with a love story of a Union soldier and a Southern girl, was repeated by local talent on Thursday evening. "Uncle Jeff", a black face comedian, was presented and the humor greatly pleased the audience. The silver offering will be used by the James Kenan chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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BEAUTIFUL YULETIDE WEDDING IN CHURC HAT WASHINGTON

Washington, N. C., Dec. 31.—Beautiful in every respect was the marriage of Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Hardy, of this city, to Mr. John Allen Thomas, of Sanford, Fla., yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. The occasion was one of the attractions of the Yuletide season, the church was tastily decorated with holly and evergreens and was filled to its utmost capacity with friends and well wishers of the contracting parties.

Prior to the entrance of the bridal party Mrs. R. A. G. Barnes rendered a most charming musical programme. At the appointed hour the organ pealed forth the familiar strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, and the bridal party entered the church as follows: First came the ushers, Messrs. R. Lee Stewart and W. C. Chauncey. Next to enter were Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas with Mr. James Fowle, and Miss Josephine Bowen with Mr. John Smith, The bride, leaning on the arm of her sister, Miss Fannie Stewart, next wended her way up the aisle where she was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. Frank Carty. The bride was exquisitely gowned in dark blue chiffon broadcloth. Her bouquet was bride's roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Searight, and immediately afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left for a tour of Southern cities. They will be at home in Sanford, Fla., about the middle of January.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Stewart and a woman of charming and attractive personality. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas, of Sanford, Fla., and is a man of sterling worth and has a bright and promising future in the business world.

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UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT BY DAUGHTER TO MOTHER

Last evening Miss Bertha Zoeller put into effect at her home, 519 Market street, an idea conceived by herself before the Christmas holidays.

It is said the young lady asked her mother, Mrs. Victor E. Zoeller, for enough money to purchase the latter a nice Christmas present and up until last night both the mother and daughter were wondering why the Christmas present had not arrived from New York.

Miss Zoeller arranged to have one of her mother's lady friends take the latter out calling for the afternoon yesterday and cautioned the friend not to return until darkness had set in. She also arranged with about 15 of her relatives and friends to be at her home in advance of Mrs. Zoeller's return from calling. For several days members of the party had been preparing for the presentation of the daughter's gift to the mother.

Upon the return home of Mrs. Zoeller, her daughter met her at the door and exclaimed that the Christmas present had arrived. The two rushed back through the darkness to the dining room when some one of the party pushed a button and the lights were turned on. Much to the astonishment of Mrs. Zoeller, she was confronted by a beautifully decorated room and a table surrounded by her friends and relatives, in a wreath of smiles. Miss Bertha was much elated at her mother's joy. The party remained to watch the old year out, a most pleasant evening being spent by all others coming in until more than 40 were present when 1914 passed out.

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NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION BY Y. M. C. A. AND Y. W. C. A.

All arrangements have been completed for an elaborate celebration of the New Year at the Y. M. C. A. building today, the celebration being a joint affair between the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. The directors of both association with ministers of the city will constitute the receiving party and the handsome new building will be open from "pit to dome" for the inspection of all who care to visit the Association on this occasion. The programme will consist of music and other features of an appropriate and altogether pleasing nature. There will also be two exhibition games of basketball between the Jacobi and Elvington & Mintz teams and between the Baxter and the National Woolen Mills teams. Messrs. Hill & Johnson will also give an exhibition of tumbling.

The entire building has been appropriately decorated for the reception and on the second floor will be found an exceptionally fine exhibition of some of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. activities. Dainty refreshments will be served by the young ladies in the educational department of the building.

The directors of both associations cordially invite the public to visit the building or attend the reception proper which will be from 8 to 11 P. M.

The musical programme will include readings by Miss Myrtle Vollers, selections by the Acme Male Quartette and vocal solos by Miss Katherine Vollers.

The junior members of the two associations will hold a joint reception this afternoon at the building from 3:30 to 5 o'clock. The programme will include a Scout demonstration of such things as first aid to the injured, artificial respirations, carrying off the injured, wig-wag signalling and other activities. The Camp Fire Girls will be robed in their ceremonial costumes and will conduct a ceremonial meeting besides other "stunts." There will also be a basketball game between fast junior teams. The rooms have been tastefully decorated for the occasion and a bevy of charming young ladies will preside at the punch bowl.

THEATRICAL

At the Academy of Music the week of January 4, the Bijou Stock Company will open an indefinite engagement with the "Whirlpool" for its first performance. The second play of their programme will be "What Happened to Dolly," a plan based on the story of the moving picture play "What Happened to Mary," which is one of those whole souled rural stories that appeals to all classes. The Bijou Stock Company produced this play at

MISS ETHYL DAWN JUNE,
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the Bijou Theatre, Atlanta, Ga., for two solid weeks to packed houses. The dainty little star, Miss Emma Bunting, is using this play at the present time and is making it one of the season's popular successes.

A special matinee will be given Saturday at 3 o'clock promptly and ladies will be admitted free Monday night if accompanied by one paid 30c ticket mought at advance sale before 6 o'clock on day of performance.

"Temple of Moloch"—New Grand.

Today at the New Grand theatre is going to be the most memorable holiday in the annals of amusements in the city of Wilmington, because this handsome theatre has prepared a great New Year's offering. It will set before the people of Wilmington the rarest feast in the way of films they have ever known.

As the feature of the show the New Grand will present the celebrated Edison stupendous photoplay triumph, "The Temple of Moloch". Now this is a wonderful dramatic story, told in a wonderful way, and if one stopped there such would be quite sufficient, but there is more, much more. The film is the one that was endorsed by the National Red Cross Society. It is the one dramatic film, because it is a drama, not a descriptive film, that bears the approval of this noble organization. The film is also presented in Wilmington with the strong endorsement of the Wilmington branch of the Red Cross Society, and so every person in this city—man, woman and child—should behold it on the screen at the New Grand today. It is a sumptuous production and a big and well known cast of players will present it. Such noted thespians as Harold Vasburgh, Warren Cook, Yale Boss and Bessie Learn will appear in the stellar roles. So don't miss this big offering.

Kalem's special two-part romantic comedy, "The Girl and the Explorer," will be screened and it is one of the very best, presented on a most elaborate scale. In the cast of this big success will be seen Tom Moore, Richard Purdon, Marguerite Courtot and Makato Inokuchi, the latter the noted Japanese actor. And there will be still another big film today in Selig's gripping dramatic, "The Scapegoat." The price of admission will be 5 cents, afternoon and night.

Big Feature at the Bijou.

Yesterday the popular photoplay house bid farewell to the old year with one of those rousing six-reel offerings that have been made famous at the Bijou during the last few months, and today will see a fitting inauguration of the new year 1915 with another all-star bill that will doubtless draw the usual capacity crowds. And by the way, Wednesday marked a record smasher for movies in Wilmington. It was the biggest day by long odds that has ever been pulled off by any motion picture house. Even the last installment of "The Trey O' Hearts" which was then a high water mark, fell short by 500 of drawing the crowd that the second installment of "The Master Key" did Wednesday.

Today's New Year bill is headed by that great Eclair two-reel dramatic success, "A Game of Wits." This stirring drama is based upon the supposed existence of a secret treaty between the United States and Great Britain, and reveals the activities of a famous woman spy in the employ of the secret service, and is a pulse-quickening dramatic production that will thrill and interest you throughout. It features Carol Hathaway as the secret service spy, and she carries off all honors undisputed in her clever portrayal of the difficult and dangerous part, being the part of a clever woman who outwitted all the smart male brains that were keeping awake at nights in an effort to catch up with her.

"Out of the Deputy's Hands," is a thrilling Mutual drama that comes second on today's bill, and is a rouser from the very beginning. It features Florence Crawford and Arthur Mackley in the leading roles, and is a Western story that must appeal to everyone.

Then comes one of those great Sterling comedy features, "The Fatal Hansom," that features those popular comedy kings, Bobby Dunn and Wm. Wolbert, and contains a good hearty laugh to every foot.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. John B. Ives, of the Wilmington Furniture Company, is visiting his family at Statesville.

—Mr. J. B. Farmer, manager of the Wilmington Taxicab Company, is quite sick at his home on South Fifth street. During his absence from his office Mr. J. E. Platt will be in charge.

—Mr. James Danforth, of Tyngsboro, Mass., is visiting Mr. J. M. Satchwell. He was once a resident of Wilmington and became so fond of the many attractive features of this section that he has decided to spend his winters here.

—Mr. E. S. Johnson, who lives at No. 1306 South Second street, and who was operated on for appendicitis at Harper's Sanitarium Wednesday night, was reported yesterday as getting along as well as could be expected.

—Rev. O. T. Mattox, pastor of Fourth Street Advent Christian church, who was called home to conduct the funeral of Mr. Preston Cumming, returned yesterday afternoon to Jacksonville, Fla. He and Mrs. Mattox will return to the city the latter part of next week.

SALESMAN CHARGED WITH PROMOTING A LOTTERY

Mr. C. A. Bell Arrested Yesterday Afternoon—Gave Bond.

Charged with promoting and setting up a lottery in violation of section 3726 of the Revisal, Mr. C. A. Bell, a traveling salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable Davis on a warrant sworn out before Justice Harriss by Mr. H. Mach Godwin. He gave bond in the sum of $100 with Mr. W. A. Mahler as surety for his appearance next Tuesday.

The police department of the city recently put the ban on a species of punchboard in which the purchaser always gets a cigar for his money and has the chance of getting a box of cigars. This was alleged to be a violation of the law in that it was a mild form of gambling or of a lottery. Mr. Bell is now charged with having been the salesman who aided the merchants in establishing the alleged lotteries.

Warrants were served by the police several days ago on a number of cigar dealers, keepers of cafes and others charging them with running a raffle. These have been set by the Recorder for trial on January 18.

JUST A NEW YEAR'S SURPRISE

Youngsters at Party Given Dose of Their Own Medicine and Duck.

One little incident of the numerous celebrations of Watch Night and of the glad welcome extended the new year will bring a smile and a possible "it served them right" from many readers: 'Twas a youngsters' party and as is the way with youngsters when the midnight hour pealed from the court house steeple fire crackers of various sizes and kinds were lighted with the purpose of arousing all in hearing.

Two belated citizens happening to be passing the "party house" were made the targets of quite a few of the firecrackers one of which happened to go off in the neighborhood of the pedestrians' feet which brought a shout from the group of kids on the porch, but their joy was short lived for imagine their surprise when the laughed-at target drew from his pocket an automatic pistol whose size can not be decently designated on paper and started himself a little New Year celebration all his own. That the youngsters, both boys and girls, could not get back into the house quick enough goes without speaking.

Crazy Negro Arrested Last Night.

Constable Davis and Deputy Sheriff Reynolds on their way home last night near Sixth and Nun streets saw a negro step up on the porch of a residence and a little later saw him enter another nearby house. His actions being suspicious they arrested him and found that it was Joe Freeman, who is apparently crazy. As there was no one in that vicinity from whom they could secure a commitment they took the negro to police headquarters, but were informed that the negro being a county prisoner he should be taken to the county jail. Constable Davis finally located Justice George Harriss, who issued a commitment for the negro, and he was lodged in jail. Chief of Police Williams told Constable Davis that if he was unable to get the negro into the jail last night that he would let him stay at the City Hall. Constable Davis was of the opinion that the negro having been arrested in the city should be admitted to the city prison without question until further arrangements could be made.

—Probable cause was found yesterday by Justice Harriss in a case against Isaac McIntire, colored, who is charged with beating a woman and with forcible trespass. He will be tried before the Recorder this morning.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jesse Wilder, deceased, late of the County of New Hanover, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Wilmington, N. C., on or before the 31st day of December, A. D. 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 31st day of December, A. D. 1914.

C. D. MAFFITT,
Administrator of Jesse Wilder, deceased.
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A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the attendants at the James Walker Memorial Hospital for their kind services to our dead son, Marion, in his sickness, and also the many friends who were so kind to us in our deep grief, especially the gentleman who was so kind to our son on the day of the accident, in caring for him.

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Court Notice

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET RULES STEADY

Trading Was on a Semi-Holiday Scale During Session of Exchange Yesterday—No Market Today.

New York, Dec. 31.—Trading was on a semi-holiday scale in the cotton market today but prices ruled generally steady and the close was unchanged to three points higher. The opening was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of two points in sympathy with lower Liverpool cables. There was some local realizing and a little Southern selling but there was no important pressure against the market and prices soon steadied.

It was the first notice day for old style January contracts and also a notice day for new style contracts, but so far as could be learned no cotton was tendered on either account and this probably promoted the advance which carried the active positions about 5 to 8 points net higher during the afternoon. Closing prices were off from the best under realizing.

Private wires received here from Dallas during the morning said there was a fai demand for spots from expotrers and that while domestic mills continued slow buyers, there was not a great deal of cotton offerings. Somewhat similar reports were received fom other sections of the belt while Southern spot markets as officially reported early were unchanged and the continued steadiness of the situation in this respect porbably promoted some covering.

Cotton futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	.....	7.70	7.70	7.46
Mar	.....	7.85	7.78	7.80
May	7.94	8.02	7.93	7.98
July	8.13	8.21	8.13	8.15
Oct	8.38	8.43	8.36	8.39

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 7.80. Sales, 2,800 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7½; receipts, 13,711; exports, 6,150; sales, 2,745; stock, 354,755.

Galveston—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 9,637; exports, 17,893; sales, 100; stock, 458,689.

Mobile—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 684; stock, 52,005.

Savannah—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 8,335; sales, 3,077; stock, 307,583.

Charleston—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 4,368; exports, 3,500; stock, 142,368.

Wilmington—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 573; stock, 44,424.

Texas City—Receipts, 4,162; stock, 61,209.

Norfolk—Middling, 7⅝; receipts, 1,-348; sales, 1,597; stock, 4,345.

Baltimore—Middling, 7½; exports, 600; stock, 3,000.

Boston—Middling, 7.80; stock, 4,523.

Philadelphia—Middling, 8.05; stock, 83,105.

New York—Middling, 7.80; receipts, 145; exports, 8,587; sales, 200; stock, 89,825.

Total today—Receipts, 60,939; exports, 54,715; stock, 1,607,233.

Total for week—Receipts, 314,484; exports, 144,542.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,654,356; exports, 2,471,599.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7 11-16; receipts, 10,307; shipments, 11,904; sales, 6,020; stock, 184,704.

Memphis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 2,-562; shipments, 3,466; sales, 3,500; stock, 267,838.

Augusta—Middling, 7½; receipts, 1,-158; shipments, 2,472; sales, 1,703; stock, 160,158.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 1,-350; shipments, 1,781; stock, 32,886.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 13,116; shipLittle Rock—Middling, 7¾; receipts, 1,151; shipments, 1,045; stock, 54,531.

Dallas—Middling, 7 1-16; sales, 7,382.

Total today — Receipts, 30,144; shipments, 30,723; stock, 707,073.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Stiffened After Five Point Loss and Closed at An Advance.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—After a five point decline in the early trading today the cotton market stiffened and advanced three points net on the most active months. The close was at a net gain of 1 to 2 points. The market did better on a moderate amount of fresh long buying, stimulated by the large exports from Galveston and reports that American textile mills were booking large orders from foreign governments.

The week's export movement was hardly up to expectations of the long side. Clearances up to tonight from all ports amounted to 144,542 bales, making shipments thus far this season 2,471,599 bales.

Cotton futures closing: January 7.28; May 7.75; July 7.98; October 8.24.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—A more active trade and a stronger one were features in the cotton seed oil market today. Crude was firmer, commission houses fair buyers, and a better demand for compound was reported. The market will not reopen until Monday. Sales, 3,600 barrels.

The market closed steady. Spot, 5.85 @6.00; January, 5.85@5.90; February, 6.00@6.10; March, 6.18@6.20; April, 6.28@6.35; May, 6.42@6.44; June, 6.50 @6.60; July, 6.62@6.64.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Spot cotton, quiet. Prices, easier. American middling fair, 5.47; good middling, 5.23; middling, 4.58; low middling, 4.11; good ordinary, 3.49; ordinary, 3.04.

Sales, 5,000 bales, including 3,900 American and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 19,000 bales, all American.

Futures closed steady. May-June, 4.34*; July-August, 4.41; October-November, 4.52½; January-February, 4.58.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.— Raw sugar, firm; molasses sugar, 3.60; centrifugal, 4.11; refined, steady.

Butter—Barely steady and unchanged.

Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7½; Santos, No. 4, 9¾.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.— Cotton goods market closed steady today. Yarns were steady but [illegible] raw ks advanced. Woolens were verish, and prices [illegible] norally high.

COTTON MARKET REVIEW

Trading Between the Holidays Comparatively Quiet—New High Ground for Movement.

New York, Dec. 31.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet between the holidays. After making new high ground for the movement early in the week, with May contracts selling 34 per bale above the low level reached shortly after the publication of the government's crop estimate, the market met considerable realizing and more Southern selling. Reactions were limited and there was sufficient investment buying on the setbacks to promote a generally steady undertone, although the demand from houses with foreign connections was less in evidence. Some of the selling on the early week advance seemed to be promoted by predictions that after the filling of December engagements the spot demand in the South would slacken and the rather freer Southern selling was taken by some as foreshadowing increased pressure from the huge available supply.

The failure of Southern spot offerings to become heavy enough to cause a sharp break in prices before Christmas seemed to have made an impression on sentiment and much talk around the ring reflected a more optimistic view of prices. That tendency has been supported by reports of improving trade in the domestic goods markets, expectations of continued interest on the part of exporters, and Southern reports that much cotton had been abandoned in the fields owing to its low grade and the unsatisfactory market. It appeared also that the first differences fixed between the government grades as applied to delivery in January, tended to emphasize the stricter requirements of the official grading and promote confidence in the value of the new style contract while it is reported that some of the consigned cotton reaching here recently was inclined in this week's clearance of about 8,500 bales for Bremen.

WHEAT SHOWS STRENGTH.

Estimates of European Sales Change Tone of Market at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 31. — Big estimates on sales of wheat to Europe in the last 24 hours changed the market today from feebleness to strength. As a result, the close, although unsettled, was ⅜ to 1⅛c. above last night. Other leading staples, too, all showed a net gain.

Corn, ¼ to ⅝; oats, ⅛@⅜ to 1⅛, and provisions, 7½ to 15c.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat—May, 1.29⅜; July, 1.18¾.

Corn—May, 73⅜; July, 74½.

Oats—December, 49¾; May, 53¾.

Pork—January, 18.62; May, 19.27.

Lard—January, 10.50; May, 10.72.

Ribs—January, 10.15; May, 10.55.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.26¼@1.27¾; No. 2, hard, 1.26¼@1.27¾.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 68@68½.

Oats—Standard, 50*@50¾.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Seminole, Packer, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

Str. Henry Williams, Huggins, Georgetown, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

Revenue cutter Seminole, in port to spend New Year's.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Osborn (Danish), 1,333 tons, Jorgensen, Henry Whyte.

Str. Newstead (Br.), 1,827 tons, Willett, Henry Whyte.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Holasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Nominal.

ROSIN — Steady. Large, $3.05; small, $2.95.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41¼; rosin, firm, $3.50; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude turpentine, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Spirits Turpentine ..... (—)

Rosin ..... (—)

Tar 66

Crude Turpentine ..... (—)

Receipts same day last year, spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7¼c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 582 bales; same day last year, 689 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 89,181 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 309,832 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 31.

Atlantic Coast Line—465 bales cotton; 28 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—108 bales cotton; 38 barrels tar.

Clyde Line—9 bales cotton.

Total—582 bales cotton; 66 barrels tar.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Thursday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 65c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual differences.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 35c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

MAKES RECORD FOR DULLNESS

Close of Stock Market Yesterday Finished Dullest Year Since 1878 for the New York Exchange.

New York, Dec. 31.—With the close of today's stagnant market ended the dullest year on the stock exchange since 1878. Total sales of stocks for the year approximated 48,000,000 shares as compared with more than 83,000,000 in 1913. Bond transactions aggregated about $462,000,000 against a total of about $503,000,000 in 1913.

Today's session was slightly more active than that of yesterday. The movement was almost featureless, however, apart from its fairly firm undertone in leading stocks and recurrent weakness in the Gould group, Missouri Pacific falling to the lowest price in its history, with sympathetic weakness in all issues.

The short interest in the market was induced to cover more of its outstanding commitments and selling pressure relaxed, except in the isolated instances already mentioned. There was an echo of the almost forgotten Claflin failure in the sale of several lots of United Dry Goods preferred around 35 against its July quotation of 63.

Money was in greater supply than is usual at the year's end. Loans on collateral composed entirely of industrials were made at 4 per cent, for four to six months, and where the security was of higher grade this rate was shaded. Call money was far in excess of all requirements. Foreign news reflected increased confidence.

The bond market was irregular because of the weakness in low priced issues. Total sales, par value, were $1,111,000. United States government registered 4s gained 3-4 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	51⅞
American Agricultural	offered. 48
American Can	25⅛
American Car and Foundry	bid. 43⅝
American Cotton Oil	B. 38½
American Smelting	B. 56⅛
American Snuff	offered. 155
American Sugar	103
American Tel. and Tel	115½
American Tobacco	bid. 218
Atchison	93
Atlantic Coast Line	offered. 99
Baltimore and Ohio	68¾
Canadian Pacific	154
Central Leather	37¾
Chesapeake and Ohio	B. 40½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	86¾
Erie	21¼
General Electric	B. 139
Great Northern, pfd	113
Illinois Central	106⅛
Interborough-Met., pfd	B. 50⅛
Kansas City Southern	B. 21
Lehigh Valley	130
Louisville and Nashville	offered. 113
Liggett and Myers	Bid. 204
Lorillard Co	Bid. 159
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	8⅝
Missouri Pacific	7⅜
Mexican Petroleum	B. 51⅛
New York Central	83⅞
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	55
Norfolk and Western	99
Northern Pacific	99⅞
Pennsylvania	104⅝
Reading	143⅛
Rep. Iron and Steel	B. 18⅛
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	offered. 75
Rock Island Co	B. ⅝
Rock Island Co., pfd	B. 1¼
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	3
Seaboard Air Line	B. 11⅛
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	B. 38
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	52
Southern Pacific	82
Southern Railway	offered. 14
Southern Railway, pfd	offered. 58
Tennessee Copper	32⅛
Texas Co	B. 130
Texas and Pacific	11½
Union Pacific	116
United States Steel	49⅝
United States Steel, pfd	104½
Utah Copper	49¾
Virginia-Caro. Chem	offered. 15
Western Union	57¾

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 30.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 80@90c. per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good sales.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb.; very dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 15@16 2-3 cents per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.; very dull.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 30.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, steady; new crop, fancy hand picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — Weaker. New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy, hand picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine picked, 50c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 85c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 28. — Spanish—Farmers' stock, market quiet, 90c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock, market firm. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb.; Fancy hand-picked, 3¼c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3c. to 3 c. per lb.; Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31. — Mercantile paper, 4@4½; Sterling exchange, easy; 60-day bills, 4.82; for cables, 4.8615; for demand, 4.8525. Bar silver, 48⅞. Mexican dollars, 37¼. Government bonds, firm; railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, easy; sixty and ninety days, 3½@4 per cent.; six months, 3¾@4 per cent. Call money, steady. High, 3; low, 2¾; ruling rate, 3; last loan, 3; closing bid 2¾; offered, 3.

(Continued on Page Eight.)

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 1, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 36 degrees; at 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, 2.40 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 28.4 feet and falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday and Saturday.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 1, 1915.

Sun rises ..... 7:18 A. M.

Sun sets ..... 5:14 P. M.

Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 58 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water.		Low water.	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	9:56	10:07	4:49	5:31
Southport	7:47	7:57	1:32	2:15
Masonboro Inl	7:36	7:46	1:12	1:55

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 31, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	58	28	.0
Asheville	clear	36	28	.0
Atlanta	clear	42	28	.0
Augusta	cloudy	50	36	.0
Birmingh	clear	46	28	.0
Boston	pt cldy	28	24	.0
Charleston	clear	58	40	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	42	32	.0
Chicago	cldy	20	0	.0
Galveston	clear	50	40	.0
Jacksonv	pt cldy	60	44	.0
Memphis	clear	38	24	.0
Mobile	clear	54	32	.0
Montgom'y	clear	48	32	.0
New Orl	clear	50	36	.0
New York	cldy	30	26	.0
Oklahoma	clear	52	30	.0
Palestine	clear	54	30	.0
Pittsburg	snow	26	22	.02
Raleigh	pt cldy	42	32	.0
Savannah	pt cldy	66	38	.0
Shreveport	clear	50	28	.0
St. Louis	clear	36	14	.0
Washing'n	pt cldy	34	30	.0

SOUTHERN COTTON REVIEW

New Orleans Market Closed on Futures A Good Bit Over Last Week.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—The cotton market this week closed, on futures, 4 to 12 points over the closing prices of last week. Early in the week there was a rise on fresh buying but later there was a reaction under liquidation and some little short selling based on the idea that the advance had gone far enough for the time being.

The chief steadying influence was the continued good demand for spots in the interior and the firmness of spot holders.

Another bullish influence was the report that American mills were booking heavy orders for goods for use by the armies of Europe.

The new year in the market will open with the trade generally looking for an improvement. Next week it will be difficult to hold prices down if there is no break in the spot demand, and favorable reports come from mill centers.

Professional traders will watch investment buying carefully and if it is in sufficient volume to take care of any considerable portion of the crop the long side will grow in popularity. There is growing sentiment that the lowest prices of the season already have been but against this is the opinion of another element that he pressure of the movement during the first few months of 1915 will send values to new low levels.

BRADSTREET'S BUSINESS REVIEW.

New York, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Inventory taking is the rule, and, therefore, movements in the more important industrial and commercial channels are slow, but the most significant fact is that practically all lines and sections, save the South, look for improvement after January 1st, gradual, perhaps, at first, but expanding as the season for spring buying progresses. Distribution now is mainly from retail purveyors, by whom sacrifice sales are being pushed, with negatively favorable results at most centers, the range being from poor in the South to active in the West, where the full force of remunerative prices for wheat are exhibited.

It is noteworthy that reports from some points indicate that Christmas trade was better than anticipated, but in general such returns especially from industrial centers disclose that buying was limited in consonance with lack of steady employment.

Wheat exports for the week were 7,-400,382 bushels against 4,801,412 bushels last year.

Business failures in the United States for the week, five days, were 511, compared with 365 last year; in Canada, 68, compared with 45 last year.

RENSKORF, LYON & CO., LETTER.

Cable Inquiry for Cotton from Rotterdam—Much Left Unpicked.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New York, Dec. 29.—Port receipts today made a new high record for the season with 124,569 bales against 59,-263 last year.

Exports thus far this season are 2,-353,000 bales against 5,274,000 bales last year. A cable inquiry was received here from Rotterdam today calling for quotation on 6,000 bales of spot cotton.

The stock of cotton at Galveston continues to increase in spite of the large exports and is now 467,000 bales compared with 262,000 bales at the same time last year.

The steamship City of Macon is expected to clear from New York late today for Bremen with 10,000 bales, which will be sold upon its arrival in Germany. The shippers expect to receive 22 cents per pound for this cotton on the basis of middling.

On account of the bad weather now in the South it is expected that a great deal of cotton will be left unpicked. Some of the Texas cotton men say that fully half of the cotton in West Texas will not be picked.

RENSKORF, LYON & CO.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 31. — Turpentine, firm, 42½; sales, 16; receipts, 217; shipments, 26; stocks, 36,420.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 648; receipts, 1,440; shipments, none; stocks, 152,496. Quotations: A, B, 3.12½; C, D, 3.15; E, 3.17½; F, 3.20; G, 3.22½; H, 3.27½; I, 3.40; K, 3.75; M, 4.25; N, 5.20; W G, 5.60; W W, 5.70.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 31. — Hogs, firm. Bulk of sales, 7.10@7.30; light, 6.85@7.30; mixed, 6.90@7.35; heavy, 6.90@7.35; rough, 6.90@7.05; pigs, 5.50@7.30.

Cattle—Firm. Native steers, 5.50@9.35; western, 5.00@7.30; cows and heifers, 3.00@8.10; calves, 7.50@10.00.

Sheep—Strong. Sheep, 5.90@6.90; yearlings, 6.90@8.00; lambs, 7.00@8.35.

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Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
Ar. Chicago	5:00p.m.	8:00a.m.
Ar. St. Louis	6:32p.m.	8:30a.m.

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WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:20 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:26 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:01 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a9:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:56 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:46 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 54. ¶ 8:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 65. ¶ 6:10 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Wasnington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 3:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:30 P.M.
No. 59. ¶ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60. ¶10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NORTH CAROLINA DEAD

State-Wide Legalized Primary Would Bury It.

Opinion Quoted From Mr. A. V. Dockery, Long a Member of the Minority Party—Conference This Month—Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—The issuance of a call for the State executive committee of the Republican party to meet in Raleigh January 12 elicits a variety of comment. Numbers of heretofore active Republicans declare in all seriousness that there is really no Republican party in North Carolina for an executive committee to represent. One of these, Mr. Vick Dockery, of Raleigh, declared that as he sees "the handwriting on the wall" there is absolutely nothing left of the Republican party in North Carolina and that this State is now passing to a political condition identical with that in South Carolina where there is only the Democratic primary.

He expects the Legislature to provide for State-wide legalized primaries at this session and then there will be the final burial of the Republican or other opposition parties in North Carolina.

It is understood here that Frank A. Linney, the present Republican State chairman, does not wish to retain the chairmanship and has given the leaders to understand that it will be in order to select a new State chairman. In the light of this situation, it is said, there has been a general agreement on making Brownlow Jackson, of Henderson, chairman in the stead of Mr. Linney. Jackson was the successful campaign manager for the campaign of J. J. Britt for Congress against Mr. Gudger. There are plans developing for Republican leaders generally to gather here for the meeting January 12 for a general party conference and to go over legislative matters with the Republican members of the Senate and House, who are as usual in a hopeless minority.

Washington Officials Coming.

Clerk of the Federal Court A. L. Blow has received letters from the Department of Justice at Washington that there will be a number of representatives of the Federal government here from the National Capitol January 18 when there will be ceremonies in connection with the opening of the new Federal court room in the remodeled and enlarged government building. These will include Assistant Attorney General Samuel J. Graham, Hon. John Burke, of the United States Treasury and former governor of North Dakota, and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Mrs. Daniels. There will be a banquet in connection with the affair, United States Judge H. G. Connor, of this district, being of course, in charge of the ceremonies.

Free Instruction Offered.

There is every indication now that the North Carolina National Guard will have the privilege of sending one medical officer of the Guard to take the course in the field service school at Fort Leavenworth, beginning April 1 and continuing for two months. This course will be available at the expense of the War Department and when completed the officer getting this instruction will be equipped for rendering service as inspector-instructor for the medical corps of the Guard in this State.

There will also be an opening in this State May 1 for one officer of the coast artillery to go to Fortress Monroe for a two months' course of instruction in coast defense. A captain will have to be selected for this course and he will have to have a record of successful examination on all the subjects treated in General Order No. 166, 1911. All the expenses of the officer taking this course will also be paid. Adjutant General Young says there are a number of officers in both the departments of service equipped to take the courses available. The difficulty will be finding one who can take the time from his business to attend the school.

Preparing State Normal Report.

President J. I. Foust, of the State Normal and Industrial college; Chairman T. B. Bailey, Mocksville; George W. Hinshaw and Dr. J. Y. Joyner, of the executive committee of the college, are here preparing the biennial report and recommendations to be passed upon by the board of directors tomorrow for Governor Craig and the General Assembly. The board of directors consists of T. B. Bailey, Mocksville; A. J. Connor, Northampton county; C. W. Hinshaw, Winston-Salem; E. E. Britton, Raleigh; J. Y. Joyner, Raleigh; C. H. Mebane, Newton; J. D. Murphy, Asheville; Colonel Walker Taylor, Wilmington; J. J. Nelson, Caldwell; T. S. McMullan, Perquimans county; Joe Rosenthal, Goldsboro. The college, Dr. Foust says, is having an especially successful year.

A charter was issued today for the D. N. Bennett Ferry Company, Norwood, Stanley county, capital $3,000, by D. N. Norwood and others.

Prices of Cotton, Etc.

Weekly reports from all the cotton sections of the State, as to prices of cotton as received by the division of markets of the State Department of Agriculture show that cotton is standing steadily at 7 1-4 cents in practically all the leading markets for middling cotton and that cotton seed are selling for prices ranging from 18 to 35 cents per bushel. Cotton seed meal is selling for $23 to $26 per ton with ton weights varying from 1,700 to 2,000 pounds. Reports show corn selling at $1 per bushel in Greensboro and Raleigh and 85 cents at Albemarle and 90 cents in Fayetteville. These prices are in less than car lots, the car load prices being 85 and 95 cents per bushel.

Into Handsome New Quarters.

The new furnishings are being set up in the remodeled and enlarged postoffice and government building here ready for the government officials to move back into the building with their divisions within the next ten days. The government's lease on the Montague building, where the offices have been housed for more than a year while the remodeling work has been in progress holds until January 8, and it is expected that all the transfer will not be completed to the new quarters before the lease expires. Very little of the old furniture is being moved into the new building, practically all of it having been sold as second hand junk. The remodeled and enlarged government building is one of the handsomest now to be found in this part of the country and is roomy enough to serve the government here for many years.

Additions to Convict Force.

Deputy Sheriff V. P. Fesperman, of Mecklenburg county, was here today to deliver to the penitentiary a number of prisoners to serve sentences aggregating 47 years. They are Jim Knott, 15 years; Hiram Sykes and Jessie Helmes, 12 years each, and H. O. Williams, 8 years. Williams' sentence is for murder and the others are to serve for secret assault on Police Officers Elliott and Moore of the Charlotte police force. The cases of all these prisoners were passed on by the Supreme court a week ago.

TEXT OF THE NOTE TO ENGLAND PUBLISHED

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sense of justice of the British nation, which has been so often manifested in the intercourse between the two countries during so many years of uninterrupted friendship, expresses confidently the hope that his majesty's government will realize the obstacles and difficulties with their present policy has placed in the way of commerce between the United States and the neutral countries of Europe and will instruct its officials to refrain from all unnecessary interference with the freedom of trade between nations which are sufferers, though not participants in the present conflict; and will in their treatment of neutral ships and cargoes conform more closely to those rules governing the maritime relations between belligerents and neutrals which have received the sanction of the civilized world, and which Great Britain has in other wars so strongly and recently advocated.

Note of Warning.

"In conclusion, it should be impressed upon his majesty's government that the present condition of American trade with the neutral European countries is such that, if it does not improve, it may arouse a feeling contrary to that which has so long existed between the American and British peoples. Already it is becoming more and more the subject of public criticism and complaint. There is an increasing belief, doubtless not entirely unjustified, that the present British policy toward American trade is responsible for the depression in certain industries which depend upon European markets. The attention of the British government is called to this possible result of their present policy to show how widespread the affect is upon the industrial life of the United States and to emphasize the importance of removing the cause of complaint."

Washington Official Comment.

High officials said tonight that specific cases had not been enumerated in the note because they had been dealt with at considerable length separately in correspondence covering a period of five months. The British foreign office, it was pointed out, therefore, was familiar with the detailed position of the United States in each case. It is quite possible, however, that a brief summary of some of the typical cases will be made public in a few days by the State Department.

Copies of the note were distributed tonight to members of the diplomatic corps.

The step has aroused much enthusiasm among some South American diplomats, who think it opens the way for a more vigorous interest in the United States in proposals looking to an assertion of the rights of neutrals. Incidentally it was said that sentiment in favor of the proposal made by Venezuela for a convocation of neutral nations to discuss contraband was growing rapidly and that it would cause no surprise if one of the results of the American note is the convening of such a Congress in Washington.

Diplomats from neutral European countries thought the correspondence might develop a standard of usage that naturally would benefit all neutrals. At the British, French and Russian embassies no statement was made concerning the note.

The only report which Ambassador Page has made was as to the tone of the British press which he thought was reasonable. He made no predictions as to the outcome of the controversy but it became known tonight he has been instructed by Washington to speak with the firmness and emphasis that characterized the note.

PUBLISHED IN LONDON

Public Opinion There Still Takes Diplomatic Note in Friendly Manner.

London, Dec. 31.—The British foreign office, in agreement with the American government, tonight, issued the text of the protest of the United States against delays to American commerce due to search by British war vessels.

The public has regarded the note as a diplomatic document of probably greater importance than any incidental to the war. The first comment on it in the newspaper offices tonight, however, was that the note was less specific than had been expected in stating the American complaints. It had generally been assumed that it contained details of various cases on which complaints were based.

The protest, however, continues to be the foremost topic treated in the English press. Foreign Secretary Grey and Ambassador Page conferred concerning it today. It is understood Great Britain will make reply in a few days. Meantime as the matter at issue is of such importance it is expected that little in the nature of official comment will be forthcoming.

One prominent official said tonight that the government after thorough consideration of the note still was of the opinion that it was entirely friendly and that the reply would be in the same spirit.

Closely Study Note.

In official circles no effort is being made to discount the importance of the communication which is to be digested carefully before any attempt is made to formulate in detail the British policy. Official opinion is that the differences between England and America gradually will cure themselves, provided Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland made vigorous efforts to check the leakage, the contraband situation is entirely satisfactory to England and officials intimate that the pursuit of a similar policy by other neutral countries near Germany immediately would relieve the situation particularly in regard to the length of time that cargoes whose ultimate destination in question are delayed.

Ambassador Page's note to the foreign secretary transmitting the America note was as follows:

"American Embassy, London, December, 28, 1914.

"Sirs: Under telegraphic instructions from my government I have the honor to acquaint you that the present condition of American foreign trade resulting from the frequent seizures and detentions of American cargoes destined to neutral European ports has become so serious as to require a candid statement of my government's views in order that his majesty's government may be fully informed as to the attitude of the United States towards the policy which has been pursued by his majesty's authorities during the present war.

"I am, therefore directed to communicate to you the following statement and at the same time to assure you that it is made in the most friendly spirit."

DISCUSSED IN BERLIN.

German Newspapers Think England Will Grant American Demands.

Berlin, Dec. 31, (Wireless.)—In the absence of any striking battle news today all Berlin newspapers print in a prominent place dispatches dealing with the American protest to Great Britain regarding the detention of American ships. The Lokal Anzeiger declares Great Britain will be obliged to grant all of America's principal demands since she dare not make an opponent of the United States, who could cut off a great part of England's own importations.

Commentators on the situation in the East unite in attaching little importance to the reports of Russia's gain in Galicia. They declare the outcome will be decided further to the north where the German advance, they assert, is proceeding according to plans.

From army headquarters comes a denial of the report that the Belgians captured 2,000 Germans in the fighting around Lombaertzyde. The denial says that Germans in the long battles around Lombaertzyde and Nieuport lost altogether in dead, wounded and missing only about 1,200 men.

TEXT OF NOTE WELCOMED

London Papers Accept the Friendly Spirit in Which Note Was Sent.

London, Jan. 1—(1:45 a. m.)—The Times welcomes the text of the American protest against detention of American commerce by British warships which, it says, displays entire justice and friendliness.

"The President and his colleagues," The Times says, "have been at pains to insist in several passages of the note that they do not advance their claims in any spirit of hostility to us, from any lack of appreciation of the momentous nature of the conflict in which we are engaged or from any wish to gain undue commercial advantage at our expense. We accept these assurances fully and gladly."

The Times then refers to the complaint in the note that the British policy towards neutral ships exceeds the necessity of belligerents and which conclusion "not significant and we shall be surprised if the issue is not joined upon them in the British reply. Americans can not doubt that the war is in the highest degree a war for our self-preservation and we shall doubtless urge the interference with neutral commerce comes within the terms of the recognized limitations of general neutral rights."

Proceeding to give figures of what it claims is an enormous increase in American shipments of copper to neutral countries in September and October as compared with the same months last year The Times asks:

Presumption Reasonable.

"Does not the fact create a reasonable preumption that much of this copper was being smuggled into Germany and Austria? Is it not a manifest necessity of self-preservation that we should reserve to ourselves the right of scruetinizing closely such exports?"

The Times says it feels confident the British government will reply promptly to all the grievances and that since all idea of inducing England radically to change her policy is disclaimed and the President himself has recognized that the difficulties have arisen largely through false manifests by American shippers and the smuggling of contraband articles hidden in cargoes, the path of diplomacy ought to be fairly smooth.

PROHIBITION IN ARIZONA

Constitutional Amendment Went Into Effect Last Midnight.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 31.— Arizona's constitutional prohibition amendment, characterized as the one most drastic in the country, will go into effect at midnight tonight. More than 300 saloons and ten wholesale liquor establishments and a brewery will be closed.

Many of the saloons affected are located o nthe border. They will move across the street into Mexico. An appeal has been made to the Supreme court of the United States against the recent refusal of the Federal tribunal at Los Angeles to grant an injunction staying execution of the judgment.

HOUSE PASSES ANNUAL POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION.

Provides for Abolishing Assistant Postmaster in Many Offices.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The annual Postoffice Appropriation bill, carrying $321,000,000, was passed by the House today. It included legislation abolishing the position of assistant postmaster in many offices, inaugurating a revise system of railway mail pay including payment for increased mail weight due to the parcel post and making other organization changes recommended by Postmaster General Burleson.

Efforts to authorize an experimental contract system to replace rural carriers was defeated.

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WANTED — EXPERIENCED LOGGING man to take charge of woods. Only those accustomed to handling tree riggers and steam skidders need apply. References required. H Garrett Smith, P. O. Box 188, Burgaw, N. C. ja1-2t

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